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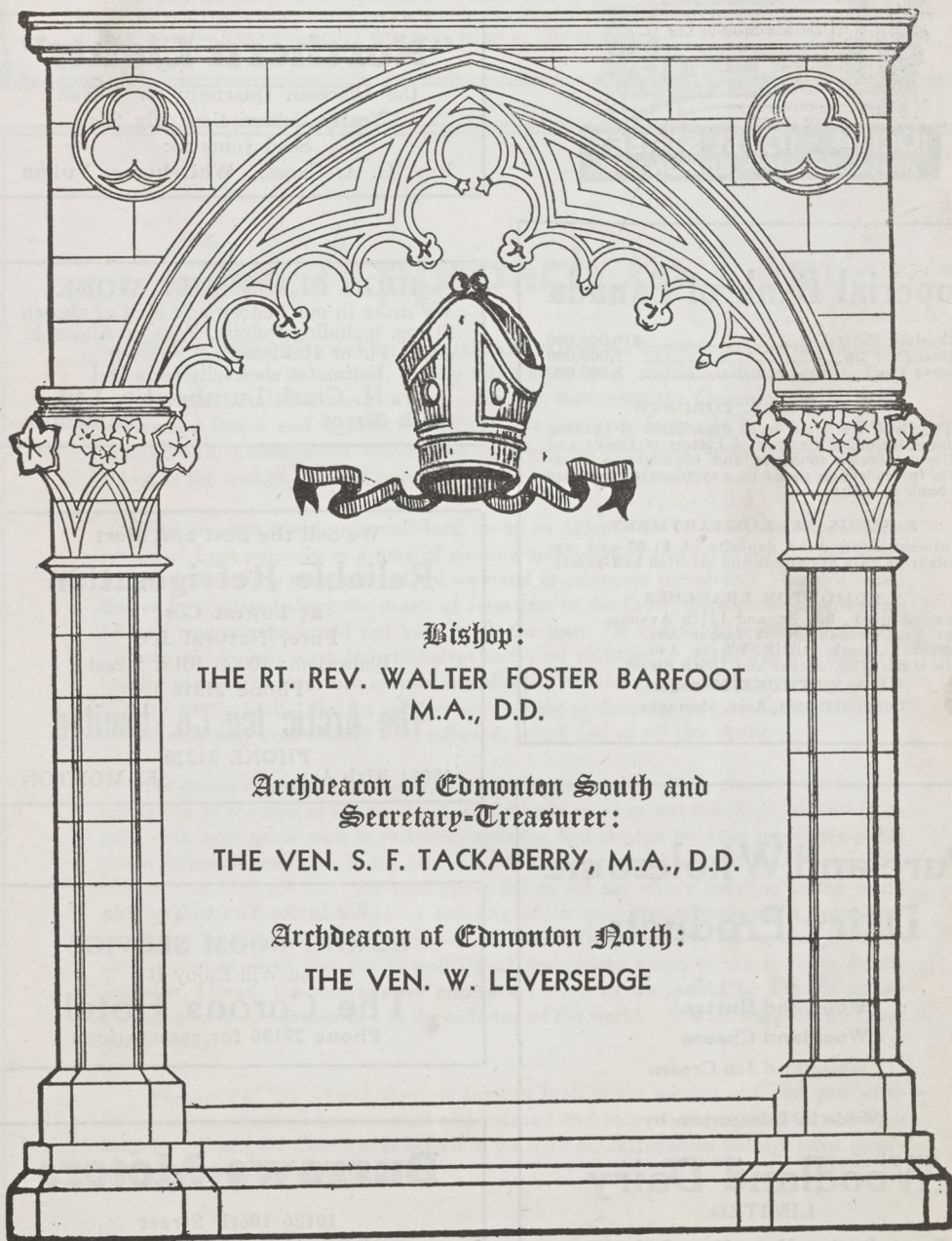
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Our Approach to Lent

THERE is a grave thing that has been said almost from the beginning about the Christian Church, not by its enemies, but by saints and sages, and it has been repeated by Christian scholars in our own day. It is this: that unless the Church of Christ herself pauses and listens and recovers herself,—if she proceeds from day to day in an uninspired and in subordinate mood—she may end by appearing to connive at the very things in the soul of man and in society which Christ came into the world to expel.

That thought could very well lead on to an exhortation to the Church to use the season of Lent seriously as a time of pausing and listening and recovering. But as we stop and think for a time during Lent we need to safeguard ourselves. You will recall that as Jesus passed along the streets of Jerusalem to the Cross, there were some tender-hearted women who could not keep back the tears. It was to these, that Jesus said, "Weep not for me, weep for yourselves and your children." Jesus was not there rebuking tears. He does not rebuke any display of tenderness which arises out of the tragedy of life itself. But he rebukes any merely sentimental way of dealing with the fact of suffering, even Christ's own suffering, which lets us off too easily.

For during this season of Lent we shall be coming progressively closer to the tragedy of the life of the Son of God. Jesus would have us weep not too much for that in itself. We must never omit to relate his suffering and passion to those inevitable pangs which follow in our own hearts after we have acted against all that reason and conscience and faith tell us. We must never fail to see the whole suffering of the world as of a piece with his suffering—a suffering which grew out of humanity's opposition to all that he represented of goodness and truth. That is to say, the passion of Christ should remind us of first, the complicity of the various actors in the tragedy: Pilate, Caiaphas, Herod, the soldiers, the populace. And so we should be brought to see our complicity in our own day in the suffering of the world. We so often crucify Christ afresh today.

When we of the Church thus use Lent to look at the passion of Christ and weep for ourselves, we shall have paused and listened and recovered ourselves to some advantage. When the Church sees herself in the light of Christ's Cross she will have begun to work out her own salvation.

—E.S.O.



The Hon. Justice Frank Ford, Chancellor of the Diocese of Edmonton, who received the congratulations of the Executive Committee on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Diocesan News

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Sunday School Superintendents

The Annual G.B.R.E. Sunday School Examinations will be held as usual during the first week in May. Your Rector will have received a G.B.R.E. order card for the examination paper. If no papers have been ordered for your Sunday School, please write to:

REV. W. A. HUNT, St. Mary's Church, Jasper.

BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

- March 2nd**—Clergy Conference.
- March 3rd**—Quiet Day, for the clergy, conducted by the Rev. R. J. Pierce, Calgary.
- March 4th**—Executive Committee—2.30 p.m.
- March 8th**—Canon L. A. Dixon will visit the city and meet the clergy at lunch.
- March 10th**—Ash Wednesday.
Holy Trinity, Edmonton, 8 p.m.
- March 11th**—Address in behalf of Red Cross Drive—CFRN, 6.00 p.m.
- March 12th**—Visit of Dr. W. E. Taylor, Secretary, Leonard Foundation.
- March 14th**—10 a.m.: Address Sunday School, Christ Church, Edmonton.
11 a.m.: Preach, Christ Church, Edmonton.
- March 21st**—10 a.m.: Address Sunday School, St. Peter's.
11 a.m.: Preach, St. Peter's.
7.30 p.m.: Preach St. Mark's.
- March 28th**—9.45 a.m.: Address Sunday School, All Saints' Cathedral.
11.00 a.m.: Preach All Saints' Cathedral.
- March 28th**—7.30 p.m.: St. Peter's, Confirmation.
- March 31st**—8.00 p.m.: Address, Christ Church.
- April 4th**—10 a.m.: Holy Trinity Sunday School.
11 a.m.: Holy Trinity (sermon).
7.30 p.m.: Confirmation, St. Luke's.

APPORTIONMENT

The returns on Apportionments for 1942 in this Diocese are over \$200.00 less than in 1941, and considerably over \$300.00 less than was expected.

Coming as it does when the missionary effort of the Church is of the utmost importance, and when publicity concerning the work is readily available, this situation suggests the immediate need of informative teaching and of greater emphasis generally on the whole work of the Church.

The deadline for the first quarter's apportionment is rapidly approaching. Easter is very late this year—quite too late to be in time for the first quarter. It is hoped that every effort will be made to complete payments during the first week of April.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

A conference of the clergy of the Diocese was held at the Mission House, on Tuesday, March 2nd.

On Wednesday, March 3rd, the clergy and women workers attended a "Quiet Day" conducted by the Rev. R. J. Pierce, Rector of St. Barnabas, Calgary. Taking as the text of his talks, "We would see Jesus," he spoke of the Synoptic Gospel Picture of Jesus; the Pauline Picture; the Jesus of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and, lastly, the Johannine Picture of Jesus. The addresses were excellent, and very much enjoyed and appreciated by all. The Bishop thanked Mr. Pierce on behalf of the clergy, and expressed the hope he would conduct another such "Quiet Day" on some future occasion.



The Rev. Sidney G. West, who has been Travelling Missionary of the Diocese for the past year, and who is now leaving to accept a chaplaincy in the Canadian Army. His many friends wish him "God-speed" in his new work.

BROADCASTING CHURCH SERVICES OVER CFRN

At 11 a.m.:

March 7th—St. Faith's.

March 14th—Holy Trinity.

April 4th—All Saints' Cathedral.

EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOARD OF W.A. QUARTERLY REPORT

The Quarterly Board Meeting was held at Christ Church on Friday, February 5th, beginning with Corporate Communion at 10 a.m. Rev. E. S. Ottley officiated, assisted by Rev. A. Elliott.

The sessions proper opened in the parish hall at 11 a.m., with the members singing "The National Anthem." Roll call found fourteen city branches represented, also Wetaskiwin, Onoway, Millet, and Tofield.

The President extended a very hearty welcome to the newly-organized branch at Christ Church, which includes former members of the W.A. and the Guild. Other new branches welcomed were Christ Church Evening Branch; Holy Trinity Young Women's Fellowship, and St. Mary's Young Women's Branch.

Corresponding Secretary read letters from Miss Watts, Prayer Partner of the Diocesan Executive; Miss Carruthers; Montreal Diocesan Board.

Treasurer reported the Dominion and Diocesan Pledges were met in full for 1942, for which we were very grateful.

Dorcas Secretary led a discussion on **Wabasca** and the work done by this Diocese. She made the following requests:

1. Material for winter school dresses and skirts to be suedette cloth or doeskin, navy.
2. Middies, all white (Sundays), for boiling, or dark navy.
3. Summer Sunday dresses—a good print.
4. Summer school dresses and aprons, heavy covert cloth with turkey red trimming.
5. Long sleeves for dresses, middies, and night-gowns.
6. Make mitts a good size.
7. Winter coats must be sturdy and warm.

Rev. E. S. Ottley took the noontide prayers and gave a very concise and helpful thought on Christian Fellowship, a fellowship in terms of the faith which we hold. People, and that term includes W.A. members, need to have a faith in the same Christ, cherish the same ideals, and consecrate themselves to the same purpose. We must lose ourselves in this fellowship of faith, ideals, and purposeful living, and so overcome the small irritations of group living.

Missionary Secretary recalled the delightful visit of Lady Leila Runganadhan to All Saints' Cathedral in January, when members of all Women's Missionary Societies in the city were present. Lady Runganadhan according to custom amongst Indian churchmen, attended Communion on the first Sunday in the New Year at Christ Church, in company with the President of the Diocesan Board.

Mrs. E. Barnett, President of Wetaskiwin Deanery W.A., presented "The Values of Deanery W.A.'s", speaking of the special projects each Deanery has. Two are Layettes for Social Service and two for Mitts for the Wabasca Bales.

President announced that the Women's Day of Prayer will be held on March 12th, and hopes that all "out-of-town" branches will attend the Women's Day of Prayer Service in their community.

A **Girls' Festival** is to be held during Easter Week. A new Girls' branch has been started at Christ Church. Kitscoty and Wainwright branches received special mention by the **Girls' Secretary**.

Encouraging reports were given by the **Juniors' and Little Helpers' Secretaries**, also by the **Social Service Secretary**.

The dates for the Annual Meeting have been set for April 6th, 7th and 8th, 1943.

The President closed the meeting with prayer.

A.Y.P.A.

With all branches taking part, an evening of Charades was presented in All Saints' parish hall on February 8th. A cup for the best acting was won by the Alumni Branch, who demonstrated the two words "gramophone" and "acorn". George Alexander and Richard Allen received "mugs" in appreciation of their acting ability. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greenwood were the adjudicators. About one hundred attended and the evening closed with a sing-song and refreshments.

The Edmonton Diocesan Council held a meeting Friday night, February 19th, in All Saints' hall, for the purpose of electing a new president. As so many of our older members are finding it necessary to give up their A.Y.P.A. work for the duration, it was agreed upon to ask members from the newer branches to hold office and so give them the necessary training for future work. This necessitated the shifting around of officers and Miss Kay Croft, former secretary, accepted the office of president, with Miss Shei'a Dryden as vice-president and Miss Clodagh Mahoney as secretary. Mr. George Alexander retained the position of treasurer. Miss Doris Pallister, president, 1942, and vice-president 1943, will act on an advisory committee.

St. Faith's, St. Mark's, and St. Peter's branches have all held dances during Valentine week. They entertained boys from the armed forces at these.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

HOLY TRINITY

THE REV. W. M. NAINBY
Parish Notes

We omitted to mention in our last report that during the month of January we had Bishop Barfoot with us at one of our Sunday evening services, and the Rev. S. G. West, later in the month.

On Sunday morning, February 21st, we had a grand turnout of Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies. It was a beautiful day and practically every seat in the church was taken.

The Scripture Union Cards have recently arrived from England, and Miss Joudrey has kindly consented to look after these. They may be obtained at any of the church services. Six hearing devices, for the use of those who are hard of hearing, have been installed in the church.

Holy Trinity Girls' Club

On Monday, January 18th, the Club held a theatre party. Refreshments were later served at the home of Phyllis Cowley.

Our regular monthly house meeting was held on February 1st, at the home of Kay Hall. This took the form of a "shower" for the embroidery stall. This was decided so that the girls could do some of the work during the summer for the bazaar next fall—and save that last minute rush. Good work girls!

On February 13th the Club held a roller skating party.

The Girls' Club recently donated thirty-five new Hymn and Prayer Books to the church.

Choir

It is many a long day since the choir has been given a banquet but this is actually what happened on Friday, February 19th, and it was a great event. The banquet was given by the congregation through the Vestry, and was catered to by the Young Women's Fellowship, and they certainly excelled themselves in supplying the grand dinner and arranging everything so beautifully. Each member had the privilege of inviting a friend. The Rector and Mrs. Nainby, Mr. Tye (Rector's Warden) and Mrs. Tye, Mr. Templeton (People's Warden) and Mrs. Templeton were invited. This really is a great idea though, and brings the different organizations of the church closer together. The choir most heartily thank all those who contributed in giving them such a very good time.

Eleven members of the choir are this year taking the "Church Messenger", which we think is a very good record for one organization. Thanks a lot, choir members, for your co-operation!

The Young Women's Fellowship

The Young Women's Fellowship met on February 3rd in the vestry, at 8.00 p.m. The President, Mrs. J. Gibbs, through unexpected circumstances, found it necessary to resign. Mrs. R. Burt was unanimously elected President, and Mrs. Gibbs fills vacancy thus made in the office of 2nd Vice-President.

We met on February 17th in the vestry for our regular fortnightly meeting. On behalf of the Vestry, we entertained the choir members and their friends at a supper in the church basement on Friday, February 19th. The tables were tastefully laid in silver and crystal and decorated with daffodils, pink tulips and green tapers. Arrangements were under the capable supervision of Mrs. Bruce Roberts. The choir president, Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the members, thanked the young women for the delightful supper.

Parish Guild

Holy Trinity Parish Guild met recently at the home of Mrs. Tye. Mrs. A. H. Lord took the chair, in the absence of Mrs. Pettet who unfortunately fell and broke her wrist. Mrs. Pettet was in the hospital for several days but we sincerely hope she will be back with us again before very long now. It was decided that each member should choose her own method of raising funds as a free-will offering during the Lenten season.

The bridge party which had been planned in January turned out most successfully.

W.A.

The main activity of the month was a Valentine Tea, convened by Mrs. Molloy, which was held in the basement of the church, on Wednesday afternoon, February 17th. Mrs. Evans looked after the decorations which were very attractive, and the Tea proved a great success, over \$50 being taken in which included the home cooking stall, in charge of Mrs. Roberts. We thank all our friends who attended the Tea, and helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

At the February Missionary meeting it was unanimously agreed to put on a drive for new members. With this aim in view, all members are asked to bring at least one friend to the next meeting, which will be held in the church on Tuesday, March 9th, at 2.30 p.m.

Mothers' Union

There were 16 members present at the February meeting of the Mothers' Union which was held at the home of Mrs. Cable.

The Rector gave a very interesting reading, taken from the "Religious Digest," dealing with the opening up of the Dead Sea, which we all enjoyed.

Wool for knitting sweaters was distributed, also articles for sewing for Social Service.

We hope to have our annual service on the Feast of the Annunciation March 25th, when it is hoped all members will attend. We also extend an invitation to any who might be interested in the Mothers' Union to join us at this Service.

Church Parade

Two hundred and seventy-five officers and men of the Edmonton Naval Division, and the Royal Canadian Cadets, attended morning service on February 28th. The Rev. Arthur Murphy preached an excellent sermon on "Introducing You to Jesus Christ." Mr. Murphy, who is in his 87th year, is a most faithful attender every Sunday.

CHRIST CHURCH

THE REV. E. S. OTTLEY

W.A.: The work of the Women's organizations of Christ Church has been re-organized under one head, a new branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. In their constitution they have embraced a two-fold purpose, to carry out the parochial and extra-parochial work formerly undertaken by the Women's Guild and the W.A. A Chancel Guild has been formed to undertake the actual details of the Chancel work, while all the financial support required is now the responsibility of the W.A. What was formerly the Evening Study Group of the W.A. has now been transformed into an Evening Branch. A new 'teen-age Girls' Branch, and Little Helpers have also been organized.

Broadcasting: The 11 a.m. services were broadcast on January 31st, over CJCA, and on February 14th, over CFRN.

Dedication: A new pulpit, given by Mr. Alfred Chard, in memory of the late Dorothy Anne Chard, was dedicated by the Bishop on February 7th. This pulpit is of white oak, of early English design, patterned by the architect, Mr. R. P. Blakey, after the design of the altar. The carving is being done by Major Norbury.

In the course of his sermon, the Bishop remarked on the appropriateness of this memorial pulpit;

CHURCH MESSENGER

for the memory it enshrines; for the beauty it holds, and because it is that from which is preached the imperishable Gospel.

Obituary: On February 16th, Hugh Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chapman, was buried. Hugh Chapman was an instructor in the R.C.A.F., and was killed in a flying accident there on Feb. 13th. So the toll of war begins to come close to us.

Scouts and Guides: The 25th Edmonton Scouts and Cubs and the 13th Guides and Brownies paraded to Christ Church on Sunday, February 21st, to mark the birthday of their founder, Baden Powell.

ST. FAITH'S

THE REV. L. M. WATTS

Our report this month is a brief mention of activities since the last issue of the "Messenger." There were three gatherings at the rectory. Early in the month the meeting of the W.A. Evening Branch taxed our seating capacity. A short business meeting was followed by games and refreshments. The following evening members of the Senior Choir were our guests. The regular practice occupied the first hour, and after a brief business meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. D. Pirie; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Allison; Sec.-Treasurer, Mrs. R. Barson.

The Choir is showing signs of growth, and a further business meeting was held later in the month to discuss ways and means of raising money to buy new books and robes. Mrs. Allison has again taken over the leadership of the Junior Choir and already we have had to create a waiting list of new members.

The third activity at the rectory was the Sanctuary Guild Tea, held on the Festival of St. Matthias. Lovely spring flowers adorned the tea table. The pouring honours were shared by Mrs. J. Cleveley, Mrs. E. Currey, and Mrs. S. E. Barrington. This affair was well patronized. Mrs. Greene, the president, and the other members, Mrs. Mutter, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Davis, are grateful to all who supported their effort.

In the middle of the month the rector and his wife were privileged to hear the annual report of the Georgina Pirie Dorcas Group. We were amazed at the amount of work accomplished by this small group. This group is a tribute to Dorcas, who "was full of good works and alms deeds which she did."

The China evening held in All Saints' parish hall and sponsored by the W.A. Diocesan Board, was very helpful, and we are proud of the part taken by two of our members, Mrs. M. Prichard and Mrs. W. Miller.

A further improvement was made to the church building during the month by the addition of four new storm windows on the choir rooms. That energetic convener of the Property Committee was on the job.

Confirmation classes are being held on Tuesday evenings, and by the time this appears in print we shall be having our mid-week Lenten Service.

Flight-Lieut. Canon W. P. Griffiths was our guest preacher at the morning service on Feb. 21st. We are grateful to him for his helpful sermon. That evening the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides paraded to church to mark the remembrance of their founder, the late Lord Baden Powell.

On February 16th Mrs. Field received word that her husband, Flt.-Lt. C. Field, had been killed in an air crash at the West Coast. We record the sympathy of the people of this parish to Mrs. Field and the girls, Marie and Eileen, in their loss.

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

During the cold weather our W.A. meetings have been held at the homes of various members. Mrs. Elliott entertained on February 8th, and Mrs. Cuff on February 22nd. We are all very grateful for their hospitality.

On Sunday, February 14th, a very pleasant ceremony took place at our morning service when Mrs. Bradshaw, Sr., one of our most faithful and devoted workers, was made a Life Member of the W.A. Mrs. Bradshaw is one of our oldest members and has given untiringly of her services towards the work of missions, both at home and in foreign fields. May she long be spared to carry on her good work.

We were pleased to have with us at this service Mrs. Tackaberry, Diocesan President of the W.A.

The young married women of our parish held their first meeting on February 2nd, with the following officers elected: President, Mrs. "Bob" White; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Noel Saunders; Secretary, Mrs. Phillip World; Treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Durkin. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. White, 11340 65th Street, on March 3rd, when any young women wishing to join will be gladly welcomed. Plans are being made for a Shrove Tea, on March 9th, from three to six o'clock at the home of Mrs. Anderson, 11149 65th Street. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Much sorrow was felt at the passing in January of Mrs. F. J. Anderton, who was for so many years one of the most faithful members of St. Mary's. She was always in her place at church and as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School she had been training our young children for considerably over ten years. Each fall Mrs. Anderton represented St. Mary's in the annual canvass for the British and Foreign Bible Society and she had a record in that work which was probably unique in the city. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Anderton and her relatives at this time.

ST. MARK'S

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

The choir held their annual meeting after the evening service on Sunday, January 31st. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, The Rev. A. Elliott; President, Mr. L. H. Bladon; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. L. H. Bladon; Librarian, Mrs. L. Kay.

The annual meeting of the parishioners was held on Monday, February 1st, with the Vicar presiding. Reports of all branches showed favorable results, and the financial statement showed a substantial reduction in tax arrears, and there are no outstanding debts.

The Rev. A. Elliot announced he had appointed Mr. E. Hayden as his Warden, and in a short address thanked all workers for their co-operation.

The following officers were elected: People's Warden, L. H. Bladon; Deputy Warden, H. Bromley; Vestry: Messrs. Hayden, Bladon, Bromley, Jenkins, Gibbs and Witcherley; Mesdames Fleming, Bladon and Kay. Envelope Secretary, Miss B. Hayden; Sec.-Treasurer, Miss J. Lawrence.

We are pleased to welcome a good neighbor, Mrs. Dennison, who has recently joined the staff of our Sunday School, and also become a member of our choir.

The W.A. is planning to hold a St. Patrick's Tea on March 17th, and on March 27th they are to be the guests of Mrs. Elliot, at St. Mary's.

ST. STEPHEN'S

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

The annual parishioners' meeting was held on February 5th. Mr. T. J. Jones, retiring Rector's Warden, gave a report of the parish during the previous year, which was well received. Mr. J. Watson, People's Warden, read the financial report which showed an increase of receipts of about \$300.00. An excellent report of the work done by the Willing Workers was read by Mrs. Horton. The financial statement was presented by Mrs. Sharpe. The Choir report was read by Margaret Hadley. Mavis Robinson gave the report of St. Hilda's Guild. The Young Communicants report was read by Margaret Hadley. Mrs. Fishbourne read the report of the Junior Sunday School. Mrs. Slater gave a very interesting account of the activities of the Brownies. Mr. J. Green read a glowing report of the Cub Pack. In the absence of Miss Betty Martin, Mr. Dodd read the Rangers report. Mr. Whiting was prevented by sickness from being present and the report of St. Matthew's Mission was read by Mr. Dodd who moved its adoption, which was seconded by Mr. Patterson. The chairman read the report of St. Matthew's Sunday School on behalf of Sister Amelia, which showed a very successful work. After an interval for refreshments, which the Willing Workers provided, the election of Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Mr. Harry Allen was appointed Rector's Warden; Mr. J. Watson was unanimously elected People's Warden. The following were elected on the Vestry: Messrs. H. Dodd, H. Horton, W. J. Greene, T. J. Jones, J. Green, W. Petherbridge, B. Sharpe, G. G. L. Moore, E. Petterson, T. F. Swallow, T. Whiting, and T. L. Taylor. Mr. Moore, Mr. Swallow and Mr. Allen were elected Lay Delegates to Synod. Mr. Allen was elected Auditor.

An inclusive vote of thanks to all the organizations was proposed by Mr. J. Watson, and seconded by Mr. W. Petherbridge, and carried with acclamation.

Baptisms: Robert Wayne Borden, Lynder Lee Borden, Karen Ann Borden, all on February 12th. Valerie Sharon Sampson, on March 1st. In St. Michael's Parish, John Stewart Phillips, on Feb. 15th.

St. Stephen's Brownie Notes

Our Pack has now over 30 active Brownies, but our attendance has been badly upset by various contagious diseases. We hope to have Charlotte Wentworth back with us soon.

The last month has been a very busy one. Our District Commissioner, Mrs. Allen, visited us on February 3rd, and we had a very enjoyable, as well as profitable, meeting. Mrs. Allen presented prizes for perfect attendance to Iris Lapp, Shirley Schollar, Mary Ann Munro, Grace Holloway, Betty Low Spence, Doreen Meehan, and Betty Davison.

We were all very sorry to lose "Tawney Owl", Mrs. J. Gregory, who has had to give up Brownies for business reasons. Mrs. Romerill has undertaken to help as our new "Tawney" and Geogia Roy has become our new Pack leader. Both are proving very capable and a great help. Thanks are due to Mrs. Haydon, Miss Martin and Trudy Miller for lending a hand when we needed it most.

February 17th will long be remembered in the Pack with both sorrow and joy. One of our best Brownies, Iris Lapp, "flew up" to Guides and we are going to miss her terribly. Iris has been a perfect Brownie as well as a very clever one. She has seven proficiency badges and her "wings". Good Guiding, Iris!

Just now we are busy on handcraft for the exhibition in March, but perhaps we should not say much about that till after the exhibition! Cold weather and illness are rather hard on handcraft so we shall wait and see.

GLENDON

The Rev. S. G. West, Travelling Missionary, preached his farewell sermon to the Glendon congregation on Sunday evening, February 21st, before proceeding to enter the Army Chaplains' Service.

During Mr. West's incumbency, he has made many friends both among Anglicans and non-Anglicans and will be greatly missed.

We wish him every success.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. L. H. Leach, a member of our congregation, who has been bereaved by the death of her uncle, the late Harvey Collisons of Star City, Sask. Mrs. Leach has gone to Star City to attend the funeral services.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

PEMBINA DEANERY

The Rural Deanery of Pembina met at Onoway February 16th, with a service of evensong at 8.30 p.m., for a two days' conference. Each day following began with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Representatives from Mayerthorpe, Edson, Drayton Valley, Onoway and Wabamun were present.

The Bishop of Edmonton accompanied by the Rev. Canon A. M. Trendell were welcomed at this gathering. Meetings were held in St. John's parish hall. The addresses were given by the Bishop who spoke on "Rural and City Problems," stressing the importance of paid-up apportionments.

Miss Camp spoke on, "Sunday School by Post" activities in the Deanery; and the Rural Dean, the Rev. deV. A. Hunt, on "Women's Place in the Church."

Various discussions took place which proved very helpful. On Wednesday, at 8 p.m., a missionary service was held in St. John's Church, when the Bishop dedicated a Sanctuary chair, the gift of the Turnbull family, in memory of a faithful and devoted parishioner, Mr. W. C. Turnbull. Those who were assisting at this service were the Rev. J. Dicker, the Rev. J. Low and the Rev. Canon A. M. Trendell, who gave an inspiring and instructive address on the Missionary obligations of the Church.

Religion and the War

III.—OUR NON-CHRISTIAN ALLIES

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

Sir Stafford Cripps, as a figure in politics, has long been known as a special friend of Russia. He has not been so long in the public view as an ardent Christian and an active Churchman. It is only recently that we have read of him appearing on religious platforms in the company of Archbishops and leading laymen of all the churches, and have listened in to him preaching from the pulpit of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, almost at the central spot of the Empire. It is thus probable that many people were struck with surprise, and with some sense of incongruity, when, in a broadcast speech some time before these appearances, this champion of Russia, the Russia of Bolshevism, laid particular stress on our "Christian civilisation" as the cause for which we were fighting in the present war.

Non-Christians far outnumber Christians even within the British Empire. Moslems and Buddhists can scarcely be expected to respond to "Christian civilisation" as a rallying cry. What, then, of our allies? What of the vast multitudes of China, with ancient traditions so far remote from our own, who with the dogged patience of their national character, had withstood the insolent and powerful aggression of Japan for five long years before we were at war at all, and above all, of Russia, which with its revolution had officially discarded religion altogether? When we think of them, are we not shaken in our belief in the religious foundations of the war?

In answer to this question, the first thing to remember is that "foundation" is a word that goes very deep. A foundation may be so deep that those who live in the building that rests on it do not know, or have forgotten, where it was laid. Those who know the Russian people best, tell us that they are essentially religious in their temperament; and there is a mystical element in Bolshevism itself which lends it a religious flavour in spite of its frankly materialistic dogmas. There is a manifest advance, too, in the tolerance shewn by the Bolshevik authorities to Christian worship and teaching; and the Orthodox Church, which itself, by its close alliance with the former Tsarist tyranny must partly be held responsible for the revolt against the Christianity which it represented, or misrepresented, has recognised, through the mouth of its chief Patriarch, the righteous, as well as the patriotic, action of the Bolsheviks in their resistance to the foreign aggressor. We see the Russians to-day a united people, fighting, not in the first place for Bolshevism, but for the country which is dear to them from the past and for which they foresee an incalculable future, and for those ideals of freedom which are the birthright of the whole human race. Bolsheviks and Christians alike are coming down to the truly religious foundations of their national life.

On our own side, the war has produced something like a revolution in our attitude towards Soviet Russia. Before the war, the prevailing feeling among our people might have been expressed in the question,—“can any good thing come out of Bolshevism”? We have not rushed to the opposite extreme of believing that everything in it is good. In the economic sphere, history teaches us that Communistic experiments have ended in failure; and the Russian experiment, the largest in scale that has ever been witnessed, has shewn many signs of defeating itself. But there is no doubt that after the war many more things will be held in common for the welfare of our people as a whole, than before the war. We have many things

to learn, and are learning many things, from the Bolsheviks, as they have to learn, and are learning from us.

From the Christian point of view, the war has driven us back to Christ's own principle,—“he that is not against us is for us.” But this rests on a still deeper truth, which is that in the depths of every human heart there is an upward longing, an aspiration for the highest, a desire after God.

It is the inborn Russian genius that is being stirred into life again. Sir Stafford Cripps was right. In fighting for their freedom the Russians are fighting with us for the universal brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God, which is inscribed in largest letters on the banner of Christ, the Captain of the whole world's salvation. This war has religious foundations. Christianity is the final religion. It is the one true civilisation. “Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

The 1942 Apportionment Result

Again we have done it, by God's grace. The rank and file of our membership from Atlantic to Pacific has “passed the ammunition”. May we not forget to “Praise the Lord”.

There was never any faltering. Over 25% in the 1st Quarter; nearly 50% at the half-way mark; approximately 73% at the end of the 3rd Quarter; such results didn't leave much “slack” to be picked up; and nearly 28% in the final Quarter gave us 100.76% for the year:—\$332,498.88. (Includes \$69.38 received too late to shew on Pink Sheet.)

Nineteen Dioceses overpaid and seven paid in full as against fifteen and eleven respectively in 1941. The total each year was twenty-six. The mythical twenty-seven still eludes us!

The Apportionment for M.S.C.C. (including Replacement of English Grants) was overpaid by \$2,764.71; those for G.B.R.E. and C.S.S. were unfortunately slightly down—by \$209.79 and \$63.04 respectively. Add these two figures and subtract the total, \$265.83, from \$2,764.71 and you get the overplus on \$330,000—viz. \$2,498.88.

Certain things stand out in my opinion in a bird's-eye view of the year:

1. There was a huge wave of good will and earnest endeavour. Everyone tried. Every Diocese tried. Every parson tried. “All this I steadfastly believe.”

2. 1942 was **greatly helped** by 1941. I still think we **had** to succeed in 1941 if we were ever again to do anything big and worthy. And **we did so succeed**; and 1942 benefitted by that from start to finish. Despite Dean Inge's epigrammatic dictum that nothing fails like success, there are still senses and areas in which the old axiom holds—that “Nothing succeeds like success”; and 1942-1941 was a case in point.

3. There is such a thing as Diocesan psychology; and the last two years have shewn wherein **good** Diocesan psychology consists. The facts and figures prove conclusively that in every case where a Diocese has declared authoritatively early in the year by resolution of its Diocesan Executive that **it will pay in full for the first three quarters**, and has got that news out into every Parish and Mission within its jurisdiction, such action has had a tremendous effect upon the receipts from those Parishes and Missions quarter by quarter. But further: In any case where a Diocese has found that the last quarter, despite such action or for the lack of it, still presents a formidable task and has resolved at its November or December Executive **to pay in full up to a given deficit** and has spread that news everywhere, **such deficit has never materialized**. Diocesan finance is not bare figures.

Missionary giving is more than book-keeping. There are two stages. "Thrust out a little from the land . . . launch out into the deep." Stage two brings the results. If I may borrow Dean Inge's habit of reversing axioms I would say not only is it true that "Where there's a will there's a way", but Where there's a way (shewn) there's a will (stirred up).

4. 1942 has the elements of permanent victory. We went ahead against scares and taxes and pessimists; despite disruptions of parish life, loss of clergy, vacant missions, absent man-power, and what not. We went ahead **because we had to**; because we believe **that now more than ever** is it vitally necessary that we maintain and improve and advance the one agency capable of building a Christian world, viz.: the Christian Church. That's what 1942 means and declares. Thank God for 1942. Keep on "passing the ammunition".

BE THANKFUL

The accompanying illustration was used by The Northern Electric Co. as a full page display in a Toronto daily paper. We reproduce it here in small size in order to commend the attitude of this and other business firms which have been giving



religion a reasonable consideration in the preparation of advertising material. We also print it because it expresses so well the right outlook for Church people today. If freedom of worship is ours at this time we may well be thankful for the many factors that have contributed to that possibility and we will do well to make the best of our freedom by worshipping God regularly in our parish church and doing all we can to maintain that freedom.

Comments Original and Otherwise

ENGLISH LAYMEN URGE CLERGY TO TAKE ACTION

The House of the Laity of the Church Assembly held recently a separate meeting in London and passed the following resolution which was moved by Sir A. Griffith Boscawen:

"That this House calls upon the laity of the Church of England to take a greater share in the work of the Church, not only in its administrative but also in its spiritual work, believing that by so doing they would greatly help the bishops and clergy in their fight to preserve and extend the Christian character of the nation." Sir Arthur said they had always called themselves a Christian nation, but it was a fact that a very large part of their people had no knowledge of or interest in religion.

Sir Charles Marston, seconding the resolution, stated that, "something like four-fifths of their people never attended a place of worship. That fact indicated a spiritual crisis that had been reached in their national life. It was the duty of the laity to testify to the reality of the unseen. It must be the most important work in their lives to make their people God-conscious."

A second resolution urged upon the clergy and laity—and not least the Bishops—the paramount duty of concentrating and uniting the strength and efforts of the Church upon the vital task of proclaiming the Gospel to those "who have no saving knowledge of our blessed Redeemer." To-day the commandments of God seemed to be largely ignored. The character of God's Day had been completely altered during the last generation. Success in building a new and better order, said Mr. Middleton, would require as a first essential men and women who were swayed by the Spirit of Christ.

I often wonder if when a revival of religion actually takes place, it will not originate with earnest God-fearing laymen and women.

EVANGELISTIC PREACHING

Last Sunday I had the satisfaction of listening for the second time to a sermon preached by Wing Commander Gregson, Chief Chaplain in Canada, to the R.A.F. He took as his text the familiar words, "The Lord is my Shepherd". All through he kept stressing the importance of the word "my". The Lord is *my* Shepherd—the need of being able to say like St. Paul, "I know in whom I have believed." It was noticeable that on both occasions the church was crowded, which goes to show that people are interested in what such a preacher has to tell them. I do not mean to intimate that all preaching should be of this kind, but it is a kind that is far too rare. I was much struck by the concluding paragraph in today's

Comment, Forward Day by Day. Speaking of conversion, the writers says: "This is only a beginning. But many seek to continue what they never decisively began. They are like travellers in a railway station, hearing trains called, part of the commotion, but they never arrive because they are not on the train! You can't continue until you begin. Re-birth is just a start, like birth itself. Life first, then growth!"

We may not all agree about the writer's use of the term re-birth, but his meaning is perfectly clear.

IS EVANGELISM THE WORK OF EXPERTS ONLY?

Concerning My Parish

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2: 47)

Does that describe my parish? It should! It might—but not if I begin by saying, "That is the parson's business," or if the parson says, "That is the expert's business." Only if we all say, "That is my Father's business, and I must be about it!"

We all know pagan people, unbelieving people, lonely people, and nominal Christians without any shine to them. Can we help them? They will not be so interested in our ideas, or ideals, as they will be in *something which has happened to us* through faith in Christ—new joy, new victory, new direction. That is *witness*, not argument: and witness always wins, when done in a spirit of love and enthusiasm.

Don't get the cart before the horse: people need Christ, and when they find Him, they seek His Church. Begin where they are, with their situation and needs; then show how He can help them; then draw them to the Church. Too many people get confirmed without getting converted first: that is why some of them fall away. One reason why the first Christians stuck and did so much is that there was a decisive break between their old life and the life in Christ. And the chief reason why the early Church grew was that every Christian considered it part of his discipleship to win other people for Christ. (Forward Day by Day)

Quite in keeping with above quotation from Forward Day by Day is the statement of the Archbishop of Canterbury that "An orthodox preacher who makes the Gospel dull, shuts the gate of salvation; an accidentally heretical prophet who makes it thrilling throws that gate open;" and his more recent statement when he commissioned the new Head of the Church Army, that evangelism was a work that could not be done by the clergy alone, because there was not nearly enough of them, and because they had their special function as pastors of the faithful. There could be no wide-

spread evangelization of England unless that work was undertaken by the lay people of the Church. So far as I have read that is the vein also of every English Bishop who has spoken on the subject.

CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD ORDER

That is the title of a book by the Bishop of Chichester. The copy I have is one of the Penguin Series. I received it from a friend in England. It is one of the most interesting and informative books I have seen recently. I venture to make a couple of quotations.

Writing on the subject of Christianity as the basis of reconstruction, he says: "The supreme need is not schemes, or constitutions, or blueprints, but a new spirit, a conversion of human persons. We have been too legalized altogether in our outlook on both present and future. Everywhere there has been a passion for constitution-making. We have spent an immense amount of time and thought on producing schemes, perhaps impeccable in theory, but impractical. For in no section of human life will the machines do the work, without being driven. They depend on the human agent behind them."

Regarding the Church and the future, he says: "We have been too secure in our attitude and practice, and too little aware of the call to bold witness. Christians may have much to learn from pseudo-religions, Fascism, National Socialism, Communism, and the tremendous drive which the obligation of belonging to a 'party' produces. Martin Nirmoller in a conversation I had with him five months before his arrest on July 31st, 1937, insisted that the life of a Christian was a life of obligation. To the National Socialists he said that National Socialism was a primary obligation, and all other things were secondary; but he remarked that too many Churchmen were lukewarm and put other things first, while their Churchmanship was secondary."

And here is one of the concluding paragraphs in that chapter, and in the book: "I believe that the situation is so earnest, so grave, that some form of consultation and collaboration, some approachment between the Roman and the non-Roman Churches, outside the dogmatic field, is a vital matter for the mission of the Church. And the mission of the Church is vital to the future of humanity."

BISHOP TUCKER ON EVANGELISM

Recently I came across this statement made by the Presiding Bishop of the American Church:

"Evangelism has a three-fold significance. It is the means by which a Christian shows his gratitude to Christ. If we really recognize how much we owe to Him and if we have really come to love Him, then our first concern will be to express our gratitude in service. Like St. Paul, we will turn to Christ and ask, 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' Christ's reply

is, 'Be evangelists.' That means carrying to others the Good News that has come to you.

Again, evangelism saves us from the dangers of having our religion corrupted by selfishness. 'Freely ye have received, freely give,' said Christ. To use one's own religion simply to promote one's own spiritual welfare is morally the most degrading form of selfishness. To save us from this, Christ made evangelism the primary responsibility of every disciple.

Finally, evangelism is indispensable not only to the growth, but also to the survival of the Church. A Church which makes no effort to contribute to human welfare outside of its own membership, has signed its own death warrant. Already the question whether the Church performs any useful function is being widely asked. We profess to believe that Christ is the answer to the world's need. If so, then each one must help the Church to bring Him to the world. This is evangelism. If we give ourselves to it with zeal and sacrifice, we will bring joy to Christ, blessedness to ourselves, prosperity to the Church, and salvation to the world."

Christ made evangelism the primary responsibility of every disciple.

Then why is it that we hear so little about that responsibility, from those who are the appointed leaders and teachers of the people?

A GREAT NOVEL

I have just finished reading *The Robe* by Lloyd Douglas. The book is dedicated to a young woman who asked the question, "What became of the robe of Christ that the soldiers gambled for at the time of the Crucifixion?" It was that question that led the author to write the story. As a story it is very engrossing from start to finish of its nearly 200 pages. But what specially interested me was the vivid picture of the Christ that is portrayed. I was interested also in the fact that when the hero of the tale, Marcellus, became a convinced Christian, he at once became an active evangelist to spread the truth wherever he went. In those days there was no trained ministry to carry on the work of evangelism, but they managed to turn the world upside down.

BISHOP TUCKER A GREAT LEADER

Here is the appeal that he recently issued to the young people in the United States.

We live in days which are going to test each and every man. Not only individuals but also the corporate life of our day must face this. The Church as a living organism will be tested. Our Church members will be tested.

The ability of any man or organization to meet the test of our day is determined by the spirit of courage, faith and sacrifice which give victory in the face of overwhelming difficulty. This is not a day when individual or corporate groups can merely seek survival. Rather we must have a reckless eagerness to give ourselves for the cause we serve that it may sur-

vive. We are called as never before to prove our belief in the Cause of Christ.

The Church is already engaged in a Forward in Service program. As our theme for this year we have chosen: Conversion to Christ for World Service. To prepare himself to participate in this objective, every member of the Church must first discover those areas in his life which are not subject to Christ and make Him pre-eminent in them. We must then endeavor to lead those who are outside the fellowship to Christ that they may be equipped to take their part in the service which our Church and our country should render in achieving God's purpose for the world. Furthermore, every parish must strive to establish in its own community the kind of new order which we believe to be God's purpose.

This is the task before us in preparing ourselves for the testing which we must all face in this day of crisis. It is part of the effort which is necessary to make America more Christian, and to prepare her to assume her full share in building a new and better world.

We must press forward to the high calling to which we are summoned.

The Presiding Bishop evidently does not think that the work of leading "those who are outside the fellowship to Christ" is work which should be left to "well equipped" men in the ministry.

A DIFFICULT PIECE OF WORK IS AWAITING YOUR HELP

In nineteen Church of England Indian Residential Schools across Canada, in which are about 2,000 boys and girls,

THE STAFF SITUATION IS CRITICAL.

Nurse-matrons, school teachers, supervisors for boys and girls, workers for kitchen and laundry, and farm instructors are urgently needed.

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The Bible House, Alexander St.,
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Further information may be had from:

Rev. Canon L. A. Dixon, D.D.,
Church House, 604 Jarvis St.,
Toronto, Ont.

and Mrs. W. C. White,
60 Lowther Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Please make this urgent need known, remembering it in your prayers.

HOW TO REMOVE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EVILS

There is probably no man living whose advice on social and economic matters deserves more serious consideration than General Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa. When addressing the centenary celebration of the Dutch Reformed Church, he made the following statement:

"It is generally admitted that there are great economic and social evils. They have to be removed. This can and must be done without our resorting to new plans or new orders which may affect and undermine fundamental ideas and principles. Speaking from longer and wider experience and reflection than perhaps has been the lot of most others, I wish to say: fundamentally the world has no need of a new order or a new plan but only of the honest and courageous application of the historical Christian idea. Our Christian civilisation is based on eternal order, an endless plan in the message of Christ. Many new messages and messengers will appear in these times of great tribulation. Let us hold on to the eternal message. Let us follow the light which once shone before us, the greatest light that has ever arisen on the human horizon and which can surely lead us to that better world for which we are longing. In the twilight of to-day I see on that horizon—not the man of Moscow, not the man of Munich, not the man of Rome but the Man of Galilee. I see Him going round villages and districts teaching and spreading His message of a new Kingdom, healing the sick and suffering. And His message is: Cherish in love your fellow man irrespective of race or language; cherish and keep the divine idea in your heart as the highest good. This is the message also for the Church of to-day and for mankind milling round like frightened sheep without a shepherd. The Man of Galilee is, and remains, our one and only leader. And the Church, as the carrier of this message, should follow Him alone."

I commend that statement to the consideration of the Editor of the News-letter "Canada and Christendom".

THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE BANKS

Some weeks ago a crowded meeting was held in Albert Hall, London, under the auspices of the Industrial Christian Fellowship. The speakers were the two Archbishops and Sir Stafford Cripps. The Archbishop of Canterbury is reported as having said that "With the amalgamation of the banks we have now reached a stage where money or credit which does duty for money, has become in effect a monopoly." He added "When you have something that is universally needed, governed as a monopoly, that monopoly should be taken over by the State."

The Stock Exchange Gazette (London) has this to say in reply: "To assert in these days when the Treasury has such a complete control

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KEEP LENT!

By the Rev. B. S. Murray, M.A.

In these confused days when we are facing serious and trying issues, often restless and anxious, we need that faith and courage, peace and power which alone flows from communion with Christ. Companioning with Christ during Lent's "Orison of Quiet" we are upheld by His strength and stayed on that Rock which is Christ. Through storm and stress we may abide in Him. Man needs God, and Lent is a spiritual oasis in which we, imitating the Master of Life, retire for meditation, prayer and fasting and become very certain of God.

KEEP LENT for it is a mighty truth. Lent is not in the definition of a dictionary, not in the description of an encyclopedia, not in ecclesiastical millinery, not in devotional attitudes and not in the denial of luxuries. Rather Lent proclaims the truth that God was and is in Jesus Christ drawing the world to Himself. Whilst our generation faces grave and perplexing political, social and industrial problems, the Church, during Lent, must preach on the great themes of Christianity and not on recent books, current plays and political and commercial problems. "Sir, we would see numbers and hear interesting discussions" is out-dated: "Sir, we would see Jesus" is the new order.

KEEP LENT as the Church directs. There is usually a method in the Church's madness and her counsels and prescriptions of fast and alms-giving, of additional Services of worship and sacramental grace, are the product of a very considerable empirical acquaintance with the working of the human soul. At first the Church ordained 40 hours which later expanded into 40 days and since the ninth century has kept Lent as a season in which we are asked to think of the mystery of life, divine and human, of God and ourselves, and of what we ought to be and do for one another, and what our destiny is and what God's will is for the world. Lent is an opportunity to gain a more effective motive to carry us forward to the tasks of our discipleship. That motive is penitence. If it begins by taking us into the wilderness, it is to bring us to Him who shows us how we too may conquer in our hour of temptation. If it ends in the darkness of the cross, it is that we may share the triumph of Easter.

KEEP LENT with its perpetual rays of faith, hope and love. The word "Lent" means "spring" and refers to the lengthening of days coming in March and April. Something beautiful and suggestive in that! Too often our thought of Lent is a dark, dreary, negative season beginning with Ash Wednesday—what life or colour is there in ashes? Rather we must change our thinking and make Lent expansive, full of spiritual springtide joy, surging with new life.

KEEP LENT for its discipline is salutary. Obedience to Christ is religion. And discipline is an essential condition of obedience. As Christ's soldiers, committed "manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world and the devil and to continue His faithful soldier and servant unto our life's end" we must submit to His discipline with its restraints and restrictions which, if understood and entered into with a cheerful spirit, leads to the soul's supreme development. Lent is an intensive school of Christian living; a season of intensive scrutiny of heart, individually. To that heart you alone hold the key.

KEEP LENT for it is another chance for self-examination; something has to be done about this sooner or later for ailing things need attention before they become chronic. Sin is a cancer. Get it out. Immediately. You belong to God. Are you in tune with Him? One instrument in discord will destroy the harmony of an entire orchestra. In Lent, 1943, establish right relationships with God and man.

KEEP LENT and think of the sufferings of Christ and men. It was only through the cross that the Son of Man found a way into the joy that was set before Him, and the world therefore cannot expect to come to its own along a bloodless road. Through the ministry of suffering we come back to God and know again the strength of His care. Jesus revealed to us that the path of love may lead to the cross and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. As we copy Christ this Lent and meditate on His sufferings we know that we can have such fellowship with Him that we may know the secret of His strength and peace and see, even in our darkest hour, the shining of eternal light. Our democratic world bleeds on every front, at home and abroad. Above all the wounded hands of the Crucified, the Lamb of God, extend in benediction as He says: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me" (St. John 12: 32). And again: "Come unto me . . . I will refresh you" (St. Matt. 11: 28).

KEEP LENT. Go to dark Gethsemane. Climb Calvary's mount and as you mark that miracle of time, catch a new vision. There we find "Life and health and peace . . . from the sinners' dying Friend". Fortunately, Calvary Day and Easter Day—earth's blackest day and whitest day—were only three days apart. Spend Lent, then, in the companionship of the living, glorified, ascended Christ for He cares for you and invites you. Know, too, that He, alone, establishes us for "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

SO, KEEP LENT!

March



1. St. David, Archbishop of Menevia, circ. 544.
2. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672.
7. QUINQUAGESIMA. Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs 203.
10. Ash Wednesday.
12. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Doctor, 604.
14. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.
17. Ember Day. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, circ. 465.
19. Ember Day. Saint Joseph.
20. Ember Day. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne.
21. SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. Benedict, Abbot, 543.
25. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
28. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

SOLDIER WRITES HIS BISHOP

Albany, N.Y.—Bishop Oldham is in receipt of a soldier's letter which, as an example of spiritual perception and experience in a young man, and of appreciation of the issues at stake in the war, deserves wide reading. The writer served as head of the Acolytes' Guild at the Cathedral of All Saints. His letter follows:
My dear Bishop:

My mother forwarded your letter to me. I know you are a very busy man and I feel deeply grateful that you took some of your time to write me such an inspiring letter. I wear the War Cross that you blessed and it never leaves the chain that holds it.

It is very strange for me to be celebrating the birth of Jesus away from our Cathedral, but our Lord is here also. You know, Bishop, the Cathedral was one of my homes. I can never explain to any one the solace I received under its high roof. The comfort that our Lord released there, whether a great filled church on a feast day or an empty church on some cold winter day, can only be experienced, not explained. I miss being there, and I also miss the elaborate dinner which is always a part of Christmas. It is only normal. That is the reason I am here, to insure that candles shall burn on Christ's altars throughout the whole world.

I realize it is impossible to attempt to shut Christ out of any life. Some men are trying to do that at this time. They shall not succeed. Therefore, you can understand that I

am happy in unhappiness. It is well worth our small sacrifice to know both ours and future generations will have liberty and freedom which is given to us by God alone.

May this great conflict come speedily to a victorious conclusion; and then I shall be back, if it is the Lord's desire, to serve Him at His great altar in the Cathedral. In any event, I shall continue to serve Him to the best of my ability.

Devotedly yours,

HELP!

Mrs. R. E. Wodehouse, Dominion President of the Woman's Auxiliary, has sent on this call.

I have now just received a letter from Canon Wilkinson of our Kangra Mission in India. In it he makes an urgent request for two graduate nurses to be sent out immediately for the hospital at Palampur. We have no such persons available.

SOME SAINTS OF THE MONTH

March 1. David, Archbishop of Menevia, the patron saint of Wales, who died c. A. D. 600. The title "archbishop" is an anachronism, but there is no doubt that Wales, and probably Ireland also, really owed much to him. Special interest is attached to this commemoration, S. David being the one Welsh saint enrolled by common consent in the Kalendar of the West. S. Machutus or Malo, commemorated on Nov. 15, was a Welshman by family, but his life was spent not in Wales but in Brittany.

March 12. Gregory M., Bishop of Rome and Confessor. The letter "M" after the name in the Kalendar of the Prayer Book is the abbreviation of Magnus, Great, and not of Martyr. He is so designated to distinguish him from other fathers and saints of the same name—"S. Gregory Nyssa, S. Gregory Nazianzen, S. Gregory Thaumaturgus, S. Gregory of Tours, etc. Gregory our father," who "sent us Baptism," were the terms of simple and grateful affection in which the early English Christians spoke of the greatest and most lovable of Roman bishops, whose pontificate extended from 590 to 604. The fatherly title was singularly appropriate to a character so rich in tenderness and so profuse in energetic charity. The story of S. Gregory's interview with the Anglican slave-boys in the slave-market of Rome, and the sending of Augustine and his companions on their mission to Kent, is one of the most familiar in English Church History. The feast of S. Gregory was first placed in the English Kalendar by the Council of Clovesho, A. D. 747. S. Gregory is entitled to the grateful memory of English Church people for the great work of his in taking a considerable share in Christianizing England. Of him the Ven. Bede exclaimed, "He is our Apostle."

The Temptations of Our Lord

By E. R. JAMES

IMMEDIATELY THE SPIRIT DRIVETH JESUS INTO THE WILDERNESS

St. Mark 1: 12

We saw that the first temptation made a subtle appeal to selfishness. The Master was tempted to shirk discomfort and pain. In this most comfortable generation pain is greatly dreaded. So a painless Gospel makes a great appeal to many.

The second temptation contains the alluring words with which Hitler himself would agree. "The devil said unto him, "To thee will I give all this authority and the glory of them . . . If thou therefore wilt worship before me, it shall be thine."

To the carefully trained Jewish mind of that day the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed of God was to be a King. The most moving topic of conversation in that Galilean atmosphere was the hope of the coming Messiah. He would be anointed with power from Jehovah. "The spirit of the Lord shall be upon him". Can you not imagine how the heart of the patriotic Jew thrilled as he heard these words read in his ears: "I will tread down the peoples in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth" (Isaiah 63: 6).

Galilee was the centre of much disaffection. It was the recruiting ground of the Zealots, the nationalists of that day. Galilee was the Ireland of the Roman Empire. Even after the Resurrection we find the Apostles enquiring: "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

The King is being tested by this popular ideal. He was to be a king, the ideal king, bringing righteousness and peace to His people. Why not enlarge that kingdom and bring these blessings to the whole world? The vision makes a real appeal to our Lord for He loves His country. He Himself confesses that "salvation is of the Jews". In that hour of stress and strain another voice whispers. From His earliest childhood He had been taught these words: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one lord." "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve". Here we have a lesson in practical religion. Have you stamped the thought of God on your child's mind so deeply that he will never forget though he may wander far?

Again the scene changes. It is the pinnacle of the temple from which the earliest dawn was caught by the watching priests, who signalled the coming day to the waiting congregation below. It is His Father's House where multitudes are preparing to worship. The whisper of the evil one is still more subtle. "Are you sure you are the

Son of God?" It was an appeal to work by non-moral means. "Cast thyself down for the angels will take care of thee". He is truly Man. His heart and mind is full of His mission. Let Him test His mission, whispers the adversary. It will bring satisfaction to His own mind and to that of the people. It is the temptation to force Himself upon the people. It is a temptation which makes a tremendous appeal to the Jewish mind which has been trained to look for a sign from heaven. This cry runs all through the Gospels. Our Lord performed miracles because men and women with faith came into His presence. He could not but heal. Yet this was not His primary work. It was not His highest ideal to be a miracle worker. He had a higher and more lasting message for His people. The suggestion in every day language is that He should force Himself upon the people. This is not the principle of the Gospel. He came to His own people and they received Him not because they had a wrong ideal of the Messiah.

Our Lord's answer is once more from the



same book of the Old Testament, Deuteronomy. "It is written: Thou shalt not tempt (test) the Lord thy God".

We must always keep before our minds the first principle of the Gospel that God makes no attempt to force Himself upon the heart of a man. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man will open unto me I will enter". When God made you in His own image He gave you the gift of will, which implies you are a free agent. Christ asks you to accept Him only after your mind and heart is convinced that He is indeed the Christ, the Son of God. Like St. Thomas you must cry: "My Lord and my God". It is the shortest of all creeds. It is all embracing.

Our Lord commences His ministry having tested in His own mind what the Christ must not be. He is not to be a King such as the multitudes desire. He makes no appeal to popular ideas. It may be the voice of the people but it is not the voice of God. He knows

He will meet with disappointment and opposition. He will not force Himself upon them.

So our Lord came out of the wilderness determined to put His whole trust and confidence in the will of His Father. A modern scholar reminds us that the wilderness produced the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. The wilderness will either make you lose faith in God or deepen it. The loneliness of the wilderness will put fear into your heart and drive you back to the habitations of men. On the other hand the wilderness will deepen your faith in God because you are so utterly alone and helpless.

Dr. Knight has written an illuminating work on this subject, summing it up in three words:

—BREAD, AUTHORITY, MYSTERY.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.

I AM COME TO DO THE WILL OF MY FATHER THAT SENT ME.

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US.

The Primates of Canada

The Most Rev. Arthur Sweatman, D.D. (Cantab.) D.C.L., Archbishop of Toronto and Metropolitan of Canada, Primate of All Canada (Third), 1907-1909.

By OWSLEY ROBERT ROWLEY

Arthur Sweatman was born on November 19th, 1834, at London, Eng., where he was educated at first by private tutors, then at University College School, London, until 1854, when he entered Christ's College, Cambridge, Eng., from which he was graduated, with mathematical honours in 1859, took his M.A. in 1862, and in 1879, on his consecration to the See of Toronto, Cambridge conferred (*jure dignitatis*), the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Later he received (*honoris causa*) the degrees of D.C.L. in 1882 and D.D. in 1907, from the University of Trinity College, Toronto, and in 1908, D.C.L., from Durham, and D.D. from Oxford Universities.

Mr. Sweatman was ordained deacon, Sunday, December 18th, 1859, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and priest, Sunday, December 23rd, 1860, at the Chapel Royal, Whitehall, London, both by the Bishop of London (Tait). He was curate Holy Trinity, Islington, 1859-1863; St. Stephen's, Canonbury, Eng., 1863-1865; Headmaster, Hellmuth College, London, Ont., 1865-1872; Rector of Brantford, 1872-1876; Secretary, Diocese of Huron, 1872-1879; Examining Chaplain to Bishop of Huron (Hellmuth), 1872-1879; Secretary, House of Bishops of Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, 1873-1879; Canon, St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont., 1875-1876; Priest in charge of Parish of Woodstock, Ont., 1876-1879; Archdeacon of Brant, 1876-1879.

On March 6th, 1879, Archdeacon Sweatman was elected to the See of Toronto by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, in session at Toronto. His consecration by the Right Rev. James William Williams, D.D., Bishop of Que-

bec, acting for the Metropolitan of Canada (Medley), and the Bishops of Huron (Hellmuth), Algoma (Fauquier), Niagara (Fuller), and Montreal (Bond), took place on the Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Thursday (May 1st), 1879, at the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto, Ont.

On January 16th, 1907, Dr. Sweatman was elected by the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, in session at Toronto, to be President of the House, when he became *ipso facto*, Metropolitan of Canada (sixth), and Archbishop of Toronto (first). On the same day he was elected Primate of All Canada (third), by the House of Bishops of the General Synod of the Church in Canada, also in session at Toronto.

Archbishop Sweatman officiated at the consecrations of the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton (Richardson), and the Bishop of Montreal (Farthing), his last official act. He presided as Primate at only one session of the General Synod, that of 1908, held in Ottawa.

Archbishop Sweatman was a man of sound scholarship; wide ecclesiastical experience; splendid executive ability; a presiding officer of rare tact and judgment, and thoroughly impartial. He was a devout Churchman; a good man; a courteous Christian gentleman; a saintly Bishop, who gave a long period of excellent service to the great Diocese of Toronto, and to the Church generally.

He died at the "See House", Toronto, on Sunday, January 24th, 1909, in the 75th year of his age, the 50th of his ministry, and the 30th of his Episcopate.

Home Horizons

By Charity Mauger



SOMETIME ago", writes Bride Broder of The Globe and Mail, "you spoke of the resolution regarding the teaching of religion in the schools being brought before the Ontario Educational Association by J. G.

Elliott, of Arnprior, for many years, until his retirement, managing editor of the Kingston Whig. Mr. Elliott, whose interests were widespread and his brain as keen as in youth, has just died at the age of 84.

"If you will allow me the space I should like to pay tribute to this man, who, though of the Methodist faith, was instrumental in keeping two Church of England newspapers for more than a year on The Whig payroll, after the sudden death of The Whig's owner and publisher, E. J. B. Pense. The latter, one of the Church's most active laymen, and a newspaper man of long experience, had resuscitated an anaemic little monthly, the Ontario Churchman, and made it into a large and lively publication; and six months before his death had founded Church Life, a weekly. These, thanks to Mr. Elliott, were continued successfully as Whig property till bought by the late J. H. Birkett.

"I was on the staff of The Whig under Mr. Elliott for a number of years, and in all that time never knew him to take a point of view on any important question than that which would be taken by a Christian gentleman of the most unblemished integrity. Exacting, sometimes irascible, his sole object was the good of his paper and the upholding of that which was best. But with all the vigour which kept the members of his staff up to time, he never let them down, receiving in return for his loyalty, the loyal and willing service of every member of that staff.

"Mr. Elliott's work in educational bodies, local and provincial, has stretched across more than forty years, with presidencies, vice-presidencies and honorary presidencies intermingled. He has been a valued contributor to the Ontario Educational Review, and his articles always carried new and progressive thought, while they held to that which was good in

the old ways.

"When we last had word with Mr. Elliott he said, 'I am happy among my friends but I shall be happy when the time comes to go.' So for him we have no regrets. He is, we feel, now resting, actively, in peace."

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A Negro Who Helped Save the South

Some may remember my writing at one time of that famous negro, George Washington Carver, a scientist who spent his life in research at Tuskegee, the college founded by Booker Washington for negroes. Dr. Carver died recently, a very old man, who was engaged up until the end of his life in an effort to give to the negroes of the South all possible assistance in helping themselves. He worked out infinite uses for peanut shells, so that their crops of peanuts would find a ready market. He left unfinished research data on soya beans from which he was evolving plastics, a necessity in modern war industry. Money had no attraction for him; he wanted to help the negro of the South, and, through the negro, the South as well. He might have felt that the results of his life work would affect a much greater area than his own South.

The accounts of this famous negro's life in its beginning vary, but seem to agree in showing him such an inconsequential weakling child of slave parents that only a goodnatured interest of a master gave him a start, both physically and mentally, and helped him towards an education. Surely his life emphasizes the importance of any "Save the Children" effort, with the possibility of a potential genius in any waif or stray that is rescued from death and made fit to tackle the business of living.

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An Airman's Vision of Post-War Life

Our airman-in-the-making is deeply interested in, and concerned with, the post-war world, which, he feels, could and should be the nearest to Utopia this world has ever seen. He has lived the formative years of his short life in a city in the mid-western states and naturally has absorbed that hearty and enthusiastic idealism which is so typical of the peoples of the United States, an idealism which, backed by limitless resources, has many times performed miracles in the matter of cultural opportunities.

We all agreed, Brigid,



the airman and I, that in a country where the daily living comes first as an obligation, the development and expression of the more abstract side of life often remains dormant. Some form of social security could remedy that, and the protective care for old age would obviate the necessity of struggle and worry in that direction. Everyone would have opportunity to bring the art of living to its highest peak. "Then when it has all been done", said the youngster, "when all the goals have been achieved; what then?" We could only laugh at the thought of nothing left to do for the world's betterment, at the same time experiencing a genuine qualm of alarm at the mere suggestion of nothing to strive for, nothing to work for and at. The ability and need to work is surely one of life's blessings; the quality of work is the point in question.

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Pictures of the Past in Print

We have been having such a delightful time with our gift books, Brigid and I. We can't dash through them greedily and at will, for, because of Brigid's eyes, we read them together, aloud. So in the well-earned intervals of our winter days, which in the country provide many compensations for the hardships of snow and ice and intense cold, we savor the book of the moment and gloat over the pile still waiting on the table.

H. V. Morton took a motor trip through Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Oxford, in the early summer of 1939 while everyone was waiting for what might come. In October of the same year he began a journey to various scenes of war work, and carries his account on until Dunkirk, in 1940, when the period of "Great Inertia" is over and "Reality" is faced. This book he calls "I Saw Two Englands", and through his discerning eyes we can see much of it too.

In those lovely, sleepy villages of England, untouched by motor roads and unchanged for centuries, the author sought out the village church and the local museum for the records of the past. The villages where there was no museum with its simple evidences of the manner of living of past generations, had lost much of its history. It brings home to us in Canada that we are old enough to have a forgotten past, or, in many sections, a very imperfectly recorded one. Here and there, due largely to some interested and farseeing individual, homely relics have been preserved and collections are accumulating. Old diaries and journals and account books are invaluable links with a past which, for some of us, stretches back five and six generations, and in the case of our French-Canadians for much longer.

In that same connection another book which we have, and prize greatly, is C. W. Jeffery's "Picture Gallery of Canadian History", from the Discovery to 1763. It is volume 1 of a series of three volumes, and is amazing in its vast general knowledge and continuity through periods of which most of us know so little.

Volume II should be an inspiring background against which to impose all the more personal, complementary evidence of life that family records and possessions, gathered together in any community, make so real.

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Read This and Cease Repining!

We found in a delayed copy of Time and Tide, the English women's journal, owned and edited by a woman, Lady Rhondda, a Christmas message issued by the Ministry of Food. The message said "Our compliments and thanks to you all. For it is thanks very largely to you for so loyally and so helpfully working with us that at this, the fourth Christmas at war, the nation's health is on a sane footing. But though 'good living' must now be taken in the sense of healthy living, instead of luxury living, and we all must go carefully with fuel, we can still make Christmas fare hearty, appetising and tempting to look at. Here, with our very best wishes, are some ideas which may help you".

The recipes given include a Christmas Day pudding, a carrot pudding with 3 oz. fat and ½ lb. prunes as its most pretentious ingredients; fruit pies, in place of mincemeat, based on a tablespoonful of marmalade and ¼ lb. prunes, with crumbs and spice; and an "emergency cream" made with ½ pint of water at blood heat, to which is added 1 tablespoon unsalted margarine. Over this sprinkle three heaped tablespoons of household milk powder, beat well then whisk thoroughly; add one tablespoon sugar and one-quarter vanilla and leave to get very cold. And they bravely called that a sauce!

The first reaction to those recipes, and especially that pathetic "emergency cream" was a dreadful lump in the throat. Then came a feeling of pride and humble thankfulness for the high courage and the example set us by our Mother Country. Mr. Roosevelt said, when opening Congress, that few Americans put appetite ahead of patriotism, and the same may be true of us in Canada, but our patriotism at home has not been tested very drastically yet. Butter has concerned us out of proportion to more essential war needs, while we, as women, should possibly be striving harder to understand the efforts of the various Boards in their attempts at national budgeting of vital food supplies, than in securing an undue share of those supplies for personal use. It's maddening to hear of people who cheat and hoard, very respectable people in everyone's opinion, including their own, and thus bring the complications of rationing, but because "they" do it only makes our responsibility the greater for scrupulous obedience to the letter of the law. It is one form of essential war service, and makes us a little more worthy of those wonderful people in Great Britain who not only obey their Ministry of Food but consider the Minister, Lord Woolton, second only to the Prime Minister in popularity.

NEWS FROM CHINA

Chengchow, Honan, Free China

A letter from the Rev. W. H. Simpson—

"Honan is now facing a winter of the severest famine in its history. This is added to the devastation and hardship already caused

by the war. It is more severe than former famines due to the fact that without rail and motor communications it is very difficult, if not almost impossible to get grain shipped in. What does come is at exorbitant prices.



We receive a very large share of the American International Relief committee grant, indeed the Lion's Share, but it isn't too much by any means for the need. Our present programme is our hope to ward off starvation only. Children and babies are daily abandoned by their parents. We have difficulty going along the streets very often, and twice already I have had to settle down to half an hour's enforced sociability before I could talk my way out of a crowd of several hundred starving people who wanted me to 'Think of a way'. Would that I could!

"The crisis we are facing and these strenuous times are giving real opportunities to our work here. Every Sunday now our church is embarrassed by the crowds that come. Inside the people are packed as close as they can be and around each door a group of 20-30. In the street chapel an overflow service and it also is overflowing into the street. We do praise the Lord that again we see 'Man's extremity is God's opportunity'." The attendance at evangelistic meetings for women and girls, at Daily Vacation Bible School and the Congregational Sunday School is most encouraging and their enthusiasm is a joy.

Loyang, Our Farthest West Mission

A letter from Miss Grace Gibberd—

Up to November, 1942, about fifteen bombs had fallen on the little church compound at Loyang—the church (mud walls) has been knocked down five or six times.

Miss Gibberd, who is teaching in the Provincial Middle School, says, "Saturday nights I have an English Bible Class for the senior school. We usually have 150 present. (There are about 750 students in the whole school.) Bibles cannot be bought in such quantities, so I write out simple lessons and get them mimeographed. Sunday afternoon we have a Chinese service, smaller numbers, because

many go home. I have a teachers' English Bible Class once a week of 6 or 7, and one afternoon go to the village for Bible study with two officers' wives. The postmaster is a member of our Church and today I have been arranging with him for us to have a service in the village each Sunday morning. One of the ladies has offered her home. There is plenty to do you see."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the demand for extra copies of the Statement on the "Doctrine of the Church", prepared by the Special Committee appointed by the General Synod Committee on Faith and Order, and, Life and Work, and published with the unanimous approval of the Executive Council, a second edition of the Statement has been printed.

Copies, in limited quantities, will be supplied to any who apply for them, as long as the edition lasts.

Applications should be made to the undersigned, at Church House, 604 Jarvis Street, Toronto 5.

R. A. HILTZ, Secretary,
General Synod Committee on
Faith and Order, and, Life and Work.

THE CHURCH BIBLE AND PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Church Bible and Prayer Book Society was held in Toronto on January 18th, 1943, with His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Toronto presiding.

The Director's Report showed that during the past year 33 grants had been made for use in 15 Dioceses, involving a distribution of 1,095 books, and benefiting at least 66 congregations. In addition, 215 used books were sent out to needy Missions. The Organizing Secretary, the Rev. W. G. Walton, who is doing such splendid work for the Society, was warmly commended for the results achieved last year, and grateful thanks were tendered to all who donated books and otherwise contributed towards the success of this branch of the Church's activity. They have the satisfaction of knowing that they have very definitely helped to make the rendering of Services more hearty and effective in many isolated places.

For forty-four years the Society has given assistance to struggling congregations in this vast Dominion, and has made no less than 2,863 grants at an expenditure of \$43,622.56. It has also collected and distributed, during the last three years, 2,964 used books. In view of the straitened circumstances with which so many parishes are faced the directors hope that contributors will continue their generous support, in spite of all the other appeals that have



to be met in war-time.

The Organizing Secretary is the Rev. W. G. Walton, 127 Delaware Avenue, Toronto; and all correspondence relative to grants, or to

offers of used books in good condition, should be addressed to the Rec. Secretary, the Rev. Charles Carpenter, 73 Bedford Park Avenue, Toronto 12, Ont.

One Hundred Years Ago

Sherbrooke, C. E. Bishop Mountain's Journal:—The old wooden church, much too small, is still in use. The new church is of brick, gothic design with tessellate windows, and advancing towards completion. The old wooden Lennoxville church is a large unsightly building, greatly out of repair, no bell, no font, no communion-plate. Both have been consecrated. The Parsonage-House given to the mission by the late Bishop Stewart is a very poor cottage. Mr. Doolittle is warmly interested in the college (Feb. 28, 1843).

Melbourne, Mar. 1st, 1843. Mr. Slack drove me 25 miles to Melbourne. Mr. Fleming is surrounded by sectarian meeting-house. His church is in Shipton (Richmond) where 37 were confirmed. He holds services in the Gallup district and in Ely. The church is wooden pseudo-gothic building painted white and consecrated. Mr. Wurtele of Windsor will contribute towards the erection of a church in that neighbourhood.

Danville, 2 Mar. Rev. R. Lonsdell. A new missionary station which I had never visited. A magnificent view from the ridge, beautiful small lakes of Tingwick. An American Meeting-House, with steeple, (Congregationalist). A confirmation in our own humble place, a little school-house. The sermon was interrupted by calling several persons out of the school-house—the woman of the house opposite whom we had just left very composedly cooking her dinner had happily brought a child into the world. Mr. L. has a station at Shipton Centre, another at Kingsey, another at Claremont, another at Tingwick in the rear and at this school-house in the front of T. Major Mackenzie has promised a site for a church in Danville Village. 47 children in S. S. Mr. L. lives on his own farm.

Kingsey, Mar. 3rd. Rev. J. Butler. New wooden church in correct gothic style not finished. A Parsonage-House which cost Capt. Cox £50. Service in the school-house. Confirmation in Upper Durham Church. 200 present. Mr. B. has a service at Spooner Pond. Church is of wood and is consecrated and has communion-plate, presented by Capt. Cox's relatives in Eng.

Drummondville, Mar. 5. Rev. E. W. G. Ross. Confirmation in the church which is unconsecrated, built of wood and surrounded by a burying-ground. Parsonage is a wretched little cottage. Here I have a place ready for me at the house of Gen. Heriot who is now infirm. Mr. R. has service at Lower Durham 13 miles through the "long woods", where the frame of a church has been put up.

Three Rivers, Mar. 9. Rev. S. S. Wood, one of my chaplains. Drove by tandem from D.

34 miles to Nicolet, passing a couple of days at the Manor-House, crossed the St. Lawrence to Three Rivers of which the protestant population is very small. Church was full. Confirmation held on the 10th. Public meeting for formation of a District Branch of the Church Society—a donation of 400 acres from Gen. Heriot.

Port Neuf, Mar. 12th, 1843. Consecration of the church, Mr. Hale conveying me up from the Manor-House. Mr. Hale gave all the boards used in building the church. Visited other parts of Mr. Morris' mission in the rear, through dense forest, to **Bourg Louis** where I was received at the house of the Seigneur, Mr. Panet, who lives there in the summer. Confirmation in the church (unfinished) of which nearly the whole expense fell upon the missionary the Rev. W. Wait, out of his own means, the Seigneur's family also contributing. 70 present. After breakfasting on moose-steak, the mufle of the moose, we set out for St. Catherines, 9 miles, by open cariole, with difficulty, a prodigious fall of snow had taken place. A more perfect specimen of a wintry forest scene, I never saw—a narrow track cut through serried ranks of tall straight firs and pines 100 feet high. We were late in reaching the beautiful Jacques Cartier river. A diminutive white wooden church. 25 present. 17 confirmed. The stove smoked and melted the snow in the loft which dripped fast upon the communion rails. The R. C. priest sent me a courteous message tendering me the hospitality of his house, but acknowledging the kindness we proceeded to an Irish settler's house. He carried scars of the Peninsular War. Mr. Morris officiates at Portneuf 4 miles, Bourg Louis 15 miles and St. Catherines 22 miles. The Portneuf Church is a small wooden building with a stone foundation with apartments for a school. It was consecrated on this visit, the 1st episcopal visit. On Mar. 15th I returned to the high road at St. Augustine and to Quebec. The winter-circuit was 1030 and occupied 2½ months, and 1773 were confirmed.

Military Expenditures. Reviewing the journey, it is impossible not to be affected by heavy solicitudes. With feelings of sorrow and shame we see a mighty Gov't. like that of Great Britain, which has spent millions in this country on military works, suffering its own people (in reproachful contrast to the institutions founded for the old Colonists of France), suffering members of the church of the Empire to languish and to starve—no institutions for educating the youth of the country—no provision for planting Houses of God—the means for perpetuating religion abridged by public measures based upon false

data and distorted facts . . . I allude to the materials of which the late Earl of Durham made his far-famed report in 1838.—*Journal of Visitation* 1843.

Woodstock, C. W. The Archbishop of Canada was appealed to by the Wardens and Committee of St. Paul's, Woodstock, asking him to help towards terminating the differences between the Bishop of Toronto and their rector and congregation. The Archbishop advised the Bishop that it might be advisable to make use of any fair opening for reconciliation, if such an opening should present itself. The Bishop sent a copy of his letter concerning the suspension of their rector to the Church wardens. Mar. 2nd, 1843. (*Strachan Papers*).

King's College, Toronto. The Rev. Dr. McCaul, Principal of Upper Canada College, took leave of that institution on Mar. 20th, 1843, to begin his duties as Vice-President of the University of King's College, Toronto. The Bishop wrote to Sir Chas. Bagot that it was unfortunate to deprive U.C.C., which contains 200 scholars, of its head till a successor had arrived. (*Strachan Papers*).

THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE BANKS

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over currency, capital and exchange, that the banks hold a monopoly of money, is to ignore plain fact. The issue of currency notes and the creation of notes of credit are the prerogative of Parliament." Then the *Gazette* goes on to say: "If the creation of credit in the form which enables the customers of the banks to draw cheques and bills, should be taken out of the hands of the banks, it would still be necessary to form a bank or a Governmental institution to perform some of the prime functions of a bank, and this would mean that the responsibility of bankers would be transferred from them, into the hands of politicians and civil servants."

I make no pretence of understanding the intricacies of what is usually called high finance, but I have seen enough of politics, to feel confident that to place the banks under the control of politicians would be nothing short of national calamity.

I cannot help wondering also whether problems of this kind could be discussed far more profitably in friendly conferences, than by public speeches addressed to people not five percent of whom could have adequate knowledge of the subject discussed.

Editorially *The Spectator* (London) says:

"In contrast to this Anglican meeting was a luncheon last Wednesday when distinguished Roman Catholics spoke of the future. Where the Anglicans suggested what line a repentant and socially conscious Christian Church should take, the Romans affirmed that its leadership would solve all. Is a repentant Christian Church an exclusively Anglican concept?"

THE MASTER ON THE MOUNT

By Canon James Edward Ward, M. A. (Oxon.)

Canon Ward is Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, and the Chairman of the National Religious Advisory Council of the C.B.C. The *Master On The Mount* is a series of radio addresses based on the Sermon on the Mount, which provide a devotional reading and study of some of the Master's greatest teachings. They are fresh, direct, and intimately human. They have the two-fold value of never being far from either the Man of Galilee or from modern life—a book of supreme value for Lent or any other time. The *Master On The Mount* has been recommended for devotional reading and study by the Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, D.D., Primate of the Church of England in Canada, and Rev. J. R. P. Selater, D.D., Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

Previous book: *THIS ENGLAND*.

(February) \$1.25.

A WARTIME JOB

Word comes from Ottawa about a new piece of wartime work being undertaken by the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral there. They are serving lunch to the lower salaried girls from one of the war departments, housed in temporary buildings near the Cathedral.

It is difficult to picture the large upstairs hall as it must now look on any week-day from twelve to one-thirty. We understand that on the opening day more than 300 were served. It is also difficult to picture what the rather small kitchen must be like! Yet we feel certain that the women who have undertaken this fine piece of work are quite capable of making a god job of it, no matter how limited their kitchen accommodation may be. It means many hours of hard work—10 a.m. to 3 p.m., but there has been no lack of volunteers for the task. The lunch offered sounds delicious—a bowl of hot soup, salad, roll, fruit, and choice of milk and chocolate milk—and all for fifteen cents! It is not open to all, you must have a ticket to present which you have purchased in one special wartime department of the government.

The Cathedral, however, offers much more to these girls than just an appetizing and nutritious lunch for a very small amount. Rooms are made available where the girls may read or rest, and above all there is the Cathedral itself, where in the midst of quiet and beauty, real refreshment may be found. The writer envies those who may be able to spend a portion of their lunch hour quietly in the beautiful little chapel of the Good Shepherd.

On Wednesdays Mr. Godfrey Hewitt, the organist, gives a short recital. This has been going on for some time and the Cathedral has been crowded with busy office workers who come to enjoy this short period of beautiful music.

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The Conference closed at noon on the Thursday with a feeling of gratitude to the ladies at Onoway, who had kindly given us hospitality and served us with delicious meals.

There was a very friendly atmosphere throughout and the feeling was we were returning to our parishes encouraged and spiritually refreshed.

THE ONOWAY MISSION

MISS BARBARA ONIONS

It was a great pleasure for us to have a meeting of the Pembina Deanery, held in Onoway from February 16th to 18th. I only wish more of our people from the country had been able to attend the meetings and services, as the addresses given by the Bishop and Canon Trendell were such an inspiration to those of us who were privileged to hear them.

At the Mission Service on February 17th his Lordship dedicated a beautiful Sanctuary chair which has been given to St. John's Church by the Turnbull family, in memory of William Turnbull.

At our last W.A. meeting Mrs. Parker was presented with a Prayer Book, and Mrs. Kettle, a Testament, from St. John's congregation, in appreciation of their faithful service as organists.

The Scouts and Cubs attended church parade on Sunday, February 21st.

The Junior W.A. is going ahead well under the new leader, Miss Esther Turnbull.

Lent: The week-day Lenten services will be as follows:

St. John's, Onoway—Every Wednesday:

Children's service at 4 p.m. Devotions and address at 8 p.m.

St. Peter's, Brookdale—Fridays at 4 p.m. Devotions and instruction.

EDSON AND ST. PAUL'S MISSION

THE REV. W. DEV. A. HUNT

Our postponed annual meeting was held on the 31st of January. It is rather sad that a large part of the congregation softly and silently vanish away between the evening service and this congregational meeting. It is only too obvious that in the Church, as in the State, most of us need to learn to shoulder the responsibilities of membership; while at the same time we insist on freedom. Reports of the Sunday School Superintendent, the W.A. President, and other leaders were quite encouraging; Mrs. Elliott has conquered the finances of the Sunday School with splendid efficiency. She finds, however, that teachers are easy to lose and hard to replace. This would seem to be always an open field. One would imagine that a greater number of the congregation could take envelopes for their weekly contribution to Church expenses and Missions. The last year's Vestry was re-elected by acclamation. We have lost a number of good members in the last few years and not many are here to take their places. The meeting wished to note their very great sense of loss in our late organist, Frank Glover. At the same time, sincere thanks

were extended to Mrs. Elliott for so capably handling his work.

The ladies of the W.A. held a telephone bridge and whist on the 19th, at the homes of Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Gregg and Mrs. Moore. They had a very successful evening. If the refreshments for these activities over-taxes the ingenuity of any of our branches, the Dept. of Agriculture in its nutrition pamphlets supplies much useful information, and they are most anxious for all organizations to take a hand in the distribution of these papers. There is one particularly on refreshments for home and organization.

Bible classes conducted by the Rev. W. deV. Hunt every other Monday evening are most interesting and instructive, but not very well attended.

JASPER

THE REV. W. DEV. A. HUNT

For the sake of our Russian Allies we must feel grateful to those ancient and stalwart generals—"Janvier and Fevrier," but we, in Canada, found their discipline somewhat severe. Amongst other minor details they disrupted annual meetings and on one particularly bitter Sunday drove us out of church by allying themselves with the coal shortage. The morning service was held in the parish hall, and the remainder of the day and the following night was spent in an endeavour to thaw out frozen radiators. When eventually some coal was procured and the steam turned on, four radiators were found to be burst. The "generals" tested the fortitude of congregations as well as of radiators, and too often found both to be wanting. We like to remind ourselves that "the noble army of martyrs praise Thee"; but too few are anxious to join in the martyrs' praise when the thermometer registers 40 degrees below.

The annual meeting of parishioners for the election of officers was held in the parish hall on January 25th. The meeting was very poorly attended. Yet the reports submitted by the various organizations were an indication of the determination of those really interested in the welfare of the parish to keep the church life functioning in spite of many difficulties. The financial statement read by Mr. Coupland showed how well we have weathered the storm during 1942. Mr. Coupland is to be congratulated on his success in making ends meet; but he will need the fullest help and co-operation of the congregation if he is to gain to present a satisfactory report in 1943.

The Wardens and Vestry for 1943 are as follows: Incumbent's Warden, Mr. W. Cleveland; People's Warden, Mr. W. Coupland; Vestry: Messrs. Edenborough, Heckley and Horsfall; Mesdames Cleveland and Jackson.

As in previous years the congregation owes a debt of gratitude to the untiring efforts of the W.A. members, to keep the machinery of the church smoothly. For smooth working machinery needs two things: power and oil. Power can be supplied through adequate finance; but the machine can only be oiled by prayer. The Church cannot function without financial aid, which means generous giving; but neither can it function without the aid of prayer and intercession, which latter should be the chief activity of the W.A. Given the latter we need feel no uncertainty about the former.

The W.A. meeting for the election of officers was held in the parish hall on January 5th. Mrs. J. H. Jackson succeeded Mrs. J. Brodie as president. The thanks of the congregation are due to Mrs. Brodie for her very capable leadership during her term of office. Mrs. G. Arkwright succeeded Mrs. F. A. Jackman as the Little Helpers' Secretary, and Mrs. W. Cleveland took over the duties of the Prayer Partner Secretary.

Anyone truly interested in the future of the Church must be interested in the work of the Sunday School. St. Mary's Sunday School is fortunate in having a capable and conscientious body of teachers, but they need more co-operation from parents. Children need parental encouragement to keep them regular and punctual in their attendance, but many are not receiving it. Neither are many receiving encouragement or example in church attendance.

The Sunday School teachers held a Valentine party for the children in the parish hall on Monday, February 15th. This was greatly enjoyed by all present.

During the month of February the Vicar spent the whole of the first and third Sunday in Jasper and the whole of the second and fourth Sunday in Edson and Wolf Creek. The serious dislocation of the C.N.R. time-table made this step necessary.

If anything was needed to demonstrate the value of the envelope system this holding of services on alternate Sundays has supplied it. Without the support of our envelope subscribers the finances for February would have grown "small by degrees and beautifully less!" But we still need more envelope subscribers. We need at least every adult member.

The regular use of the envelope system is a form of church discipline, which helps us as well as the Church. We offer something to God week by week: something that represents our sacrifice. It is offered up on the Altar for God to bless, and that blessing descends upon us. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap."

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

THE REV. H. J. JONES

The annual meeting of St. Matthew's was held on Sunday evening, February 7th, after the evening service. All reports were read and adopted. The finances were found to be in good shape—all obligations having been met.

The weather was very severe but in spite of this there was a nice number present, both at church and at the meeting. The election of officers resulted in the same slate as last year being elected, with Mr. R. Clark as People's Warden.

The Rev. H. J. Jones thanked his Wardens and all others who had helped to make the year a successful one.

Two stoves have been purchased—one for the hall and one for the Vicar's rooms. They make the hall very comfortable and warm. Mr. J. Phillips put up some clothes hooks in the hall for the convenience of those who come to the parties.

On Friday, February 1st, the ladies of the W.A. sponsored a very successful bridge and whist party in the hall. Over sixty people were present, so a nice little sum was obtained in this way.

Three of our lady members have made a very successful canvass of the town to get new subscribers and also renewal subscriptions towards the upkeep of our church. Much credit is due these ladies for the number of promises of support which were obtained. They reported that the people visited, were most kind and eager to help in the maintenance of their church.

A "Roll of Honour" has been obtained through the kindness and effort of Mr. G. Bird. The names of those from our parish now serving in the King's Forces are being printed on the "Roll." Miss J. Fowler is doing this work.

We are sorry to report that several of our faithful members are still very sick in the hospital: Miss Richardson, Mrs. Cottrell, and Mrs. Evans being among the number. Little Betty Scott has also been in the hospital for an appendix operation. She is now home, but not very well as yet.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. H. J. JONES

The Senior W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Barden on February 11th, with three members present. The unavoidable postponed meeting was evidently not conducive to a good attendance, as the U.F.W.A. met that same day and some were sick or away. However we did our best. Arrangements were made for paying part of the Apportionment, as well as our W.A. Pledge, and the other items of business were attended to. It is hoped as many women as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting together in fellowship for the World Day of Prayer, on March 12th. We alternate churches for this event and this year it is to be observed in the Anglican Church.

Eight more children have left with their parents to locate elsewhere—six of these children, including one brother and five sisters, were born at Lindbrook, west of Tofield, and were enrolled as Little Helpers. Another little girl attended Sunday School for three years or more and one small boy who has been here less than five months was in the Sunday School roll. The two former families have moved to Edmonton and the wee boy to Islay.

We have very happy remembrances of their stay with us here and are still interested in them and will be especially happy when we know they are affiliated in their new districts. May each one of you continue to be a true and faithful soldier and servant of Christ until life's end. Our prayers and good wishes follow you all.

Throughout the month the church has received various donations—a lovely pair of altar vases from a member, also about forty new Hymn Books, which were bought from private donations as well

as from assistance from the W.A. and Vestry. They look very new and attractive on the shelves, but we must remember the older books had been in use for a long period and had been used freely. It is a wonder they lasted as long, especially when we remember the times they were packed up in a box and shaken around in a car over rough roads to be used at Sunday School and church services at distant points. There is something sacred about an old book, especially if it happens to be a Bible, Prayer or Hymn Book, and when it has served its purpose well it seems to link itself with the person or persons using it and it reminds one of the ever old scriptural text: "Well done, thou good and faithful Servant."

The congregational annual meeting was held in the church hall after Evensong, on Sunday, January 31st. The various reports were read and proved to be very satisfactory.

The following were appointed to office: Vicar's Warden, Mr. McCarthy; People's Warden, Mr. Swinton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Bellamy; Vestry: Mrs. Malcolm, Mrs. Seale, Miss Baptist, Mr. Chitterham, Mr. Porter, and Mr. Bellamy.

Baptism: Sunday, February 21st, Philip Camroux Catta.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON AND ST. PATRICK'S, HEATH

THE REV. A. A. COURT

To date the parish has made an encouraging start this year, beginning at the Watch-night Service, with a much larger congregation than usual, and triple the number of communicants generally present at that particular service. This was followed by a 100% attendance at the annual W.A. meeting on 8th of January, with the secretary's report showing quite an active year. Among the usual activities, we have—after many years—resumed the use of a study book at meetings; and all agree that this interesting form of instruction will be most beneficial. As a further educational project, two study groups were formed, both of which report good progress. In connection with the latter, we might add that the number of subscribers to the Bible Reading Fellowship has greatly increased.

With the exception of a new vice-president, last year's officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. D. Sawyer, President; Mrs. E. Evans, Vice-President; Mrs. R. Kingston, Sec.-Treasurer; and Mrs. D. Tranmer, Prayer Partner. Mrs. D. Sawyer undertook to continue her work as leader of the Junior W.A.

It is very gratifying to know that our Padre has recently been appointed to the Diocesan Executive Committee, as it is the first time since this parish came into being that one of our incumbents has been so honoured.

Extremely severe weather conditions during January and February disrupted the regularity of St. Patrick's services, but it is hoped that from now on, both Padre and congregations alike will have no further troubles with snow-blocked roads.

Annual congregational meetings were conducted at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's on Sunday, 21st February, with a record attendance at the former church and a fine and friendly spirit of co-operation was prevalent at both places.

At St. Patrick's the following officers were elected for this year: Rector's Warden, Mr. F. M. Ford; People's Warden, Mr. A. J. Patterson, with Mr. E. L. B. McLeod, Mrs. A. J. Patterson, and Mrs. T. Withnell (Jun) as additional members of the Vestry.

St. Mary's annual meeting was not attended by as many people as we would liked to have seen, especially in view of the fact that in the last few years so many of our officers have moved away. Reports of all organizations showed steady progress, and we are pleased to be able to say that a sound financial state exists throughout. Considerable discussion took place regarding the taxation on the rectory, resulting in a resolution being unanimously adopted, that the matter be taken up with the Council to see if such taxation could not be lifted. New officers for the current year are as follows: Rector's Warden, R. Kingston; People's Warden, F. F. Mitchell, with J. W. Bullymore, T. L. Shaw, J. F. Gilmour, and R. Reed as Vestrymen.

It is with very real sorrow that we have to report the passing on February 1st of one that many in this parish had learned to love and respect for her numerous kindly acts and wise counsel, we refer to Mrs. D. T. Hannington of Greenstreet, Sask., a very close friend of long standing to our Padre, who during the past few years was a frequent visitor to the rectory. She was tremendously popular with all who knew her, and especially so with the Junior Choir, to whom she was ever ready with help and generous hospitality, and her loss will long be felt to these youngsters as well as many of us to whom she had endeared herself. May we at this time extend our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of such a friend.

WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. L. A. BRALANT

February has been a month of meetings—those postponed because of the bad weather. We omitted to mention last time that the W.A. held their annual meeting and the only changes in officers were: Hon. President, Mrs. Bralant; President, Mrs. F. McLeod; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Anderson. The W.A. reported a very successful year and already have proved that they "mean business" this year. We rejoice in the appointment of a Prayer Partner Secretary in the person of Mrs. Adams. A successful bazaar and Valentine Tea as held in the parish hall on February 13th. The attendance at the annual parochial meeting of the congregation was disappointing and almost discouraging. Why do people shun these gatherings? Are we afraid of responsibility or is it that we are not really interested? Our thanks to those who came and valiantly accepted the offices to which they were elected. Our Wardens and Vestrymen were re-elected as last year.

Despite the difficulty of reaching **Battle Heights** the annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bacon. There was a good attendance, although the temperature outside was about 30 below zero. The only sad thing to mar the evening's proceedings was the announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor will be leaving the district to reside at

the coast. This is a great loss to the church and community. Whilst thanking them for their splendid work and loyalty we wish them "God-speed" and blessing on their future at the coast. We all hope Mr. Batchelor will improve in health. Mr. Laycock consented to fill Mr. Batchelor's place as Warden; Mr. George Tindall continuing as People's Warden.

On February 6th the J.W.A. from **Irma** travelled to Wainwright with Mrs. Peterson, to attend a Rally in the hall. The Wainwright Juniors were the hosts and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Majorie Mackean gave a report on the work accomplished by Irma Juniors, and the Wainwright report was read by Mabel Taylor. Competitive games under the guidance of the Rector and, lunch provided by Wainwright Juniors concluded the proceedings.

The Annual Meeting of St. Mary's, Irma, congregation was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pryce-Jones with an excellent attendance. Problems were freely and frankly discussed in a happy spirit, and we feel that despite the present deficit our needs will be met. We must have more faith, and allow it to govern our practice. Systematic and regular giving to the Lord's work is a Christian duty and privilege. (I Cor. 16:2.)

Mr. Jones and Mr. Thurston continue in office as Wardens and the Vestrymen also remain in office. We thank all for their work and look with hope and courage to the future.

As Lent approaches, plans and prayers are being made for the special services and addresses. Will you pray for these that they may be used in edifying the faithful and bringing many to repentance and the knowledge of the Saviour? All our work is fruitless if it fails to point sinners to Him, all our words but "sounding brass" if they do not pierce the conscience of men and elicit a timely faith in Jesus Christ. "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." (I Cor. 9:16.) The subjects in general will be "Our Response to God," with addresses and Prayer at the mid-week services; and "Sin"—dealing with the root cause of the conflict of nations and individuals. It is our hope that the services will be well attended and helpful to all.

Holy Baptism—January 31st, Doreen Sharon Myrhen.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. W. ELKIN

The W.A. held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. P. Wilkins at which time a very fine paper on Missionary Work in India was given by Mrs. R. Peacock. Plans were made for the World Day of Prayer which this year will be held in St. Mary's Church.

The ladies arranged at this time for a Valentine Tea which was held on February 13th in the Rectory with gratifying results. The W.A. also

raised funds this month by catering to the I.O.D.E. annual banquet which took place in St. Mary's Hall on February 11th.

Holy Baptism was administered publicly on Sunday last to the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sutherland.

During the past week Rev. and Mrs. Elkin moved from Ponoka to take up residence in the rectory at Wetaskiwin. Members of St. Mary's congregation regret very much this change.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

THE REV. W. ELKIN

The annual meeting of St. Paul's took place in the Parish Room on February 4th with Archdeacon Tackaberry and Rev. W. Elkin in charge. Reports read by the treasurers of the W.A. and Sunday School were very favorable. Mr. H. Moss was appointed Rector's Warden and Mr. N. Wilkinson People's Warden. The members of the Vestry being Dr. Kidd, Mr. N. Allin, Mr. C. Tarney, Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Ayres. Dr. Kidd was elected Lay Delegate to the Synod. Mr. A. Loggin was appointed Auditor.

Archdeacon Tackaberry gave a few instructive remarks on the Apportionment.

Rev. W. Elkin informed those present that he would provide two services a month to be held the second and fourth Sundays.

The W.A. held the annual meeting on January 7th with most of the members present. Mr. H. Moss who was present to give the financial statement of the church, acted as chairman. Mrs. H. Moss was elected President with Mrs. Loggin as Vice-President, Mrs. N. Allin, Treasurer and Mrs. Mrs. A. Dickson, Secretary.

The members moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. E. Wilkinson, the retiring secretary, who has carried on her duties under difficulties. The membership has been increased. A very successful bazaar was held in December. The financial report was very encouraging. The ladies decided to have the dresses for the bale made with each member contributing the cost of making a garment.

The Sunday School has been carrying on. Due to the severe weather and lack of fuel a few services were cancelled. The children are taking the G.B.R.E. course and some hope to be able to take the examinations.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

THE REV. W. ELKIN

The annual church meeting of St. John's took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Prichard on January 27th, 1943, Rev. W. T. Elkin presiding.

The Rector gave his report, thanking various officers and organization members for their fine support during the past year. Particularly did he thank Mr. J. M. Clarke and Mr. R. H. Chapman for their fine work in making services possible when parish was without a minister, prior to his taking over the parish.

The secretary-treasurer of the church reported a substantial balance on hand of \$161.32, and no outstanding debts. During the year a cement sidewalk had been built, and as soon as possible church would be painted and necessary repairs made, out of balance on hand.

Reports of all organizations were received. W.A. reported a good year climaxed with a very successful bazaar. The A.Y.P.A., while its ranks had been depleted by enlistments and loss of members to the cities to war work and college and varsity attendance, still was functioning and in a very potent way, as no less than four of its members held offices in the church, W.A. and Sudnay School. The Sunday School in spite of small numbers had a good year and flowers for the church had been purchased from its funds.

Officers for the church for the coming year were elected as follows: Rector's Warden, Mr. R. H. Chapman; People's Warden, Mr. E. Moore; Vestry, Mr. J. M. Clarke, Mr. A. P. Mitchell, Mr. Heslop, Mr. M. Cockbain, and Mrs. H. Prichard. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. H. Chapman; Delegate to Synod, Mr. J. M. Clarke, Substitute, Mr. W. Heslop.

The Rector then explained plan of amalgamation of parishes of Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, Millet and Leduc, and what was expected of Millet, and plan was accepted unanimously. He also gave an enlightening talk on what was done by the money in the red envelopes, and urged all to contribute to this necessary work. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church after the business meeting and a fine get together was enjoyed by all.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Prichard, Thursday, February 18th. Plans for the year were drawn up, and Mrs. H. Prichard was returned as President, and Mrs. L. Dixon as Secretary-Treasurer.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

The annual congregational meeting was held after service on Sunday, January 31st. All reports were very satisfactory. Mr. J. B. Hayfield giving the one for the church; Mrs. E. R. Ochsner for the W.A.; and Mrs. A. C. Birchall for the Sunday School. All obligations had been met and in each instance there was a small surplus on hand.

Warm words of thanks were expressed by the Rector to many in the congregation; the Wardens; W.A.; Mr. Baker, the lay-reader; and Mrs. Baker, our capable organist, each receiving their share.

All officers were re-elected, viz: C. T. C. Roper, Rector's Warden; A. C. Birchall, People's Warden; and J. B. Hayfield, Secretary-Treasurer; also the members of the Vestry, G. S. Butcher, E. W. Briggs, Wm. Ramsell, Mrs. E. R. Ochsner, Mrs. C. T. C. Roper and J. B. Hayfield.

There was a well attended service on Sunday, February 21st, when Bishop Barfoot visited this parish and preached at an afternoon service.

A delightful social hour was spent after the service, when the W.A. served tea in the Community Hall, and everyone had an opportunity to meet the Bishop.

The Rural Deanery of Vermilion

THE CLANDONALD MISSION

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

For the past month congregations at St. Mary's, Clandonald, have been decidedly "thin" as a result of the intense cold. For the same reason it was necessary to postpone the annual meeting which was scheduled for St. Paul's Day. In spite of the cold however, the young people have been coming faithfully to play practices. They are presenting two one-act plays early in March, "Polishing Henry" a light comedy, and "Auf Wiedersehn" a play reflecting life in Nazi Germany.

At Landonville affairs have been at a standstill, no services or meetings having been held since Christmas. The congregation is temporarily diminished by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Semple, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Downey, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stanley and Vera, to the Pacific coast.

The Vicar was able to visit Holy Trinity, Irwinville, during the weekend of February 12-14th. A successful annual meeting was held on the Saturday afternoon. Mr. Keith Kent accepted re-appointment as Vicar's Warden, while Mr. J. A. Kent, now happily recovering from his long attack of arthritis, was re-elected People's Warden. Mr. Roy Kent is our delegate to Synod. The schedule of services was revised allowing for fewer services in winter and an increased number during the period that the roads are opened. The meeting also decided to increase the Stipend. Arrangements are to be made for the organization of a Sunday School.

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

by Edith Peace

SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS

I don't remember ever writing a letter for publication in a local newspaper, but I read the letters which are published with interest. I have been particularly interested in the letters referring to the suggested opening of the theatres on Sundays to the men in the forces and their lady friends. I was brought up to regard Sunday as a day set apart from all the rest, when all amusements would be shut down, and all the stores closed, with the blinds down so that even "window shopping" was discouraged. I may say we young people looked forward to Sunday as the happiest day of the week. I can't help feeling that anyone who looks upon Sunday nowadays as a bore has somehow lost the way.

There are very few of our homes which cannot boast of at least one member of the family in the forces, and we are all anxious to do our best to give them every comfort and amusement. For all that I do not think we would be doing them a kind service by petitioning for the opening of theatres on Sundays when there are six other days available. I doubt very much if many of them even want them open. It is not unknown for commercial enterprises to attempt to capitalize on a situation under the cloak of a so-called patriotism. The same appeal for the soldier and his girl friend in wartime will be made for the ex-soldier and his girl friend when the war is over, and so the theatres remain open for all time. What starts out as an innocent war emergency becomes a permanent institution.

The request is supposed to have originated with our I.O.D.E., but I have been given to understand that the I.O.D.E. made the appeal on behalf of the forces only, and did not contemplate civilian companions. I like that old verse

A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content

And strength for the toil of the morrow;

But a Sabbath profaned, whate'er may be gained
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.

PERSONALS

Do you ever read the "Personal" column in the paper? I noticed this a few weeks ago:

"FORLORN Eastern Drip wishes to meet lively Western Droop.

Object: Drizzle. Box, etc."

I hope this is not going to be the new language of the new order. It is more like the old language of the old disorder.

A HOUSEWIFE'S PRAYER

Lord, I have a hundred and one things to do today, and innumerable things to think about, and countless little anxieties and worries to trouble me.

Grant that I may have strength to do all I have to do, and do it well. Grant that I may have grace to do my work without making it a burden to others.

And, above all, consecrate me to noble service. Help me to find time and opportunity in the busiest day to be friendly, wisdom to be understanding, and strength to be gentle.

BETRAYAL

Still, as of old
Man by himself is priced.
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ.

(Author unknown.)

KEEPING THE DEVIL OUT

I came away from our last meeting a wee bit depressed. It may be the continued cold of February was getting me down. I always did feel that this is the most difficult time of the year when we are apt to be irritable and impatient. The long winter becomes oppressive, and we are apt to be run-down in health. February and March are by far the hardest months for our tempers and dispositions.

Maybe this malady affected others too, but I did feel that the raising of money can become such an obsession that the joy of our fellowship may be lost. Have you ever had the experience of the devil coming into your meeting with the dollar? It should not be so, and it need not be so, but it does happen, and we need to be on our guard.

I do not believe that any of us are as generous in our giving as we could be, and the result is that we spend hours and hours on ways and means of raising money, and tend to judge the success of the year's work by the size of the receipt column of the balance sheet. We have our obligations to meet, and they should be met, but it is nevertheless true that most of us know a great deal more about catering than we do about Kangra, and some of us have a very hazy knowledge about the Mission fields even though we are supposed to have been studying them for years, whilst we may be experts on arranging teas, bazaars, whist drives and talent money. All these are important as means to an end, but the devil sometimes deludes us into believing them to be ends in themselves. Discord and the devil come in most frequently with the dollar. Let our gifts be so generous that we can cut down the time we spend discussing ways and means, and enjoy an afternoon or evening of real fellowship and study.

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Mrs. L. H. (Rochfort Bridge). Your long letter was most enjoyable! Thank you, I am sure you must work very hard. What happy memories you have of the early days of the Diocese. Others have mentioned CFAC, Calgary.

Miss B. (Vermilion). Glad to know you are able to tune in both to CFQC, Saskatoon, and also CFAC. Thanks.

Mrs. E. N. Thank you so much for the clippings which I have received. I will try and use them sometime. So delighted to know you enjoy the Page. Any contributions of little items will be appreciated. May God bless you, and keep you safe.

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